'Sugarcane waste ideal for tablewares'

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Cor those who have been Plooking for an option for plastic, polythene and thermocol in the wake of the ban on these things by the state government, there in an interesting product in the form of tablewares made out of sugarcane waste, the production of which was started by a manufacturing unit in Faizabad this year in January.

Ved Krishna, the owner of the unit, had started thinking on the lines of making tablewares made from backvard compostable materials four years back. He was into the manufacture of paper and packaging material for the past several decades and ventured into this area recently.

He shared said that the technology of making the

China as the idea slowly took the final shape.

He said that he was already selling his products to big



tablewares (glasses, plates and bowls) from sugarcane pulp and waste had always existed and he got the machines from

companies and was planning to enter the retail market and launch glasses made from sugarcane waste in the next few

months.

"I knew that big companies were switching over to ecofriendly products and as a wholesaler I will be able to tap this segment of the market which I am doing now. I also thought that if there is no market then I will tap the market at international levels," he said. He added that currently his unit was manufacturing 10 lakh pieces and he could increase his production because he had tie ups with various sugar mills.

Ved said that he had selected sugarcane because the fibre had both the sturdiness and flexibility required to make those products. "These products are in their natural colours because we do not apply any

paints," he said.