

Stakeholder Consultation Workshop on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (Urban) – Eastern Region

Event Summary

The **Regional Stakeholder Consultation Workshop** for the **Eastern region** was organized by TERI University along with TERI and Coca Cola India Inc. in Kolkata on November 24, 2015. The study is being funded by USAID, and explores various issues and challenges of implementing WASH projects in urban areas. It was inaugurated by **Mr Jonathan Ward, Principal Commercial Officer, Consulate General of the United States of America, Kolkata**. The inaugural session of the workshop was chaired by Dr S K Sarkar, Distinguished Fellow, TERI. Dr Girija Bharat gave an introduction to workshop and the project as a whole. She further mentioned how the deliberations of all the stakeholder consultation workshops would be synthesized and fed into the State of WASH report, which the team is preparing.



The technical sessions were chaired by **Prof. Arunabha Majumder**, Emeritus Professor, Jadavpur University, Kolkata and **Prof. Ashok Ghosh**, Member, Bihar State Pollution Control Board, respectively. The workshop had sectoral experts and practitioners from various State Governments, NGOs, research and academic institutions. Issues such as faecal sludge management, solid waste management, and various targets listed under SBM were discussed at length in the workshop. **Dr Arumugam Kalimuthu**, Program Director at WASH Institute gave an overview of the Faecal Sludge Management and other innovative approaches taken up by his

organization. Stakeholders from other NGOs presented various technical and social approaches and their impact in achieving the targets of **Swachh Bharat Mission**.



A questionnaires were designed for the stakeholders in order to capture vital information pertaining to drinking water, sanitation, hygiene, solid and liquid waste management in urban areas of the states in this region. Apart from the academic value addition, this initiative also helped in strengthening regional cooperation in the sector by establishing a network of WASH management professionals.

