

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

### Event Summary

TERI University along with TERI and Coca Cola India Inc. has undertaken a three-year study on Urban Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH). The study is being funded by USAID, and explores various issues and challenges of implementing WASH projects in urban areas. The project has cross-disciplinary orientation, practice focus and major inter-institutional collaboration to pool in learning resources and insights. In order to facilitate experience-sharing, cross-fertilization of ideas, and to bring out a consultation report on WASH, the team at TERI University, TERI, and Coca Cola



conducted a one-day **Regional Stakeholder Consultation Workshop** for the **Southern Region** in Chennai, on October 14, 2015. It was attended by sector experts from the Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD), Government of India, State Governments, NGOs, Corporates, multinational institutions, research and academic institutions and other stakeholders from the Southern states –Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telengana.



The inaugural session of the workshop was chaired by Dr S K Sarkar, Distinguished Fellow, TERI and the technical sessions were chaired by Dr Ravi Narayanan, Advisor, ARGHYAM and Mr Rohit Kakkar, Dy. Advisor, MoUD, respectively. Mr V. Ravi, Head of Factory Operations, Hindustan Coca Cola graced the event. The State Government officials talked about various measures that they have taken up institutionally to speed up the activities in order to fulfil the goals of Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) in their respective states. The NGOs gave a glimpse of various innovative approaches such as use-and-get-paid models for ensuring safe sanitation in urban areas.

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

