

**One Day Interactive Workshop in collaboration with Department of Eco-biotechnology,
“Input Generation for Smart City” on gender and public needs perspectives 18.11.2016**



One day Discussion on ‘Trichirappalli –Smart City’ was jointly conducted by the Department of Women’s Studies and Department of Eco-Biotechnology on 18th November, 2015. Many educational institutions and NGOs have participated in the discussion.

Dr. Murugeswari, Associate Professor, Department of Women Studies, Bharathidasan University welcomed the gathering. Dr. N. Manimegalai, Head and Professor of the department, Women’s Studies delivered the Inaugural address. Dr. V.M. Muthu Kumar, Vice Chancellor, Bharathidasan University delivered the presidential address. Ms. R. Revathy, additional District Revenue Officer, Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project, Tiruchirappalli, Prof. M. Krishnan, Member Syndicate and Professor in Eco- Bio Technology, Thiru. Sivakumar, Additional General Manager, SBI, Tiruchirappalli, Dr. R. Mangaleswari, Member Syndicate & Assistant Professor in Social Work, Prof. G. Gopinath Ganapathy, Professor & Head, dept. of Computer Science delivered special address.

After the inauguration, discussion on Smart City was started. It was kicked off by Mr. Sathish, Thanner Association. He introduced himself and welcomed the gathering and gave a brief explanation about Smart City project. Later Dr. Aalif joined the Discussion. He expressed his concern on shrinkage land resources, air and water pollution and also on climate change. He elaborated the project- Smart city on the lens of health parameter also. Finally he included “clean air, water, land and health should be the target of the project”. Following Dr. Aalif, Thanner Association Secretary, Mr. Udhayamurthy insisted that drainage water should not be

released into the rivers and plantation of Neem tree in every house. Mr.Kanagasabai, President, Trichy, Small Scale Industries Association explained that developing small scale industries is one of the important way to attain smart city. Mr.Asokan BHEL, Small industries stated that in Tirupur city since rent for accommodation is high, the cost of production goes up. State and Central government has to take effort to reduce the cost of production. Establishing Trade Centre is also very much essential for show- casing the products.



Mr. Oswald Quintal Director, Kudumbam NGO pointed out the necessity of organic farming, waste recycling, water resources improvement, rainwater harvesting, roof water harvesting, reduced use plastic bags and Vermi composting.

Mr. Devarajan, Voice trust insisted that there should be housefly and mosquitoes free zone and solar power usages. Mr.Subramaniam, SCOPE, elaborated about green building, roof gardening and zero wastage.

Mr.Mathiazhagan, Prof.National College, Trichy spoke about the urgent need of walker zone construction, improving sanitation, keeping dustbin and construction of more public toilets.

Mr. GopinathGanapathy, Prof. and Head, Department of Computer Science, BDU, surprised the gathering by giving technology related information about Geographic Information System (GIS)

based traffic system, water consumption, digital infrastructure, academic cloud and crowd sourcing.

Mr.Rakesh, Gramalaya NGO and Krishnamoorthy, Social Trust, listed out the use of by biogas production, reduce of e-waste and transport, road enlargement .

The Members from District Democratic Women's Association explained the present status of Trichirapalli in sector wise

Ms. Amudha Valli, Collectorate, disclosed that the Collectorate has collected opinions and expectations from various section of people including students about how should be Thirchirappali as a smart city.