

# 10-Day Training Programme on Eco-Media WaSH Science Communication

10-Day Training Programme on Eco-Media WaSH Science Communication jointly organized by Dept. of Communication, Madurai Kamaraj University & NCSTC, DST, GOI during 14-23 -09-2016 held at UGC-Academic Staff College, Madurai Kamaraj University. During this programme, experts from Ecology, Nature and Media were trained the students from various Communication discipline from various colleges. Participants visited fields for study.

The programme was inaugurated by Dr.P.Vijayan, Registrar i/c and noted Nature and Environment Activist Mr. Paamayan delivered a special address. Director of Media Research Forum, Dr. A. Santha, Experts from Dhan Foundation, R.R.Srinivasan, Senior Journalist Sunderrajan Padmanabhan, Director Satyamurthy were key resource persons trained the participants.



Inaugural Session of 10-Day Training Programme of School in Eco-Media WaSH Science Communication



Session with Mr.R.R.Srinivasan, Poovalagin Nanbargal, Chennai.



Mr.Sunderrajan Padmanabhan, Senior Journalist (Rtd.), The Hindu, New Delhi

## 'Safeguard Cauvery tributaries in TN'

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While expressing solidarity with the farmers on their fight to safeguard water rights on the Cauvery river, environment activists also urged them to pay attention to the tributaries of the river in Tamil Nadu.  
Speaking to Decon Centre on the sidelines of the inaugural ceremony of a 10-day training programme on Eco-Media WaSH, Science Communication, organized jointly by department of Science and Technology, Government of India and Department of Communication, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai on Wednesday, he said that Cauvery river, and most of its tributaries are highly polluted by industries. "But the farmers are not being educated on this," he said.  
"Similarly discharging sewage waste from Corporation and Kaveri and Samakkal municipalities into river Cauvery is also causing serious pollution. "People who depend on this river for their livelihood should launch a movement to safeguard it for posterity," he said.  
Implementing watershed management like setting up of contour bunds, dikes and gully plugs in the catchment areas of the river and planting of trees that take deep-roots in Western Ghats would help to make this river a perennial one.  
"Sandra Patel, founder of Global Water Policy Project, has cited out tanks as the best model for harvesting and storing water from rainfall and rivers, but most of the water bodies in our state are now under encroachment," he said.  
Paamayan also urged the students to preserve the environment.  
S Nagaratnam, chairman of school of Linguistics and Communication, MKU said that as part of the training programme the students would document the condition of water bodies located around the Cauvery river, and P.Vijayan, Registrar from P.V.Jayaram and Kamalan Joseph, resource person from Resources Development, said that the students who participated in the function.

