



Report on
**Training Workshop on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)
in Plastics and Packaging Waste in India**

Tuesday, 26 July 2022 between 10.00am and 2.00pm at Hotel Taj Club House, Mount Road, Chennai

FICCI in association with GIZ India and under the aegis of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate change, Government of Tamil Nadu, Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of Tamil Nadu & Tamil Nadu Green Climate Company organised the “**Training Workshop on “Extended Producers Responsibility in Plastics and Packaging Waste in India”** held on 26th July 2022 at Hotel Taj Club House, Chennai wherein more than 80 delegates from various sectors across Tamil Nadu participated and benefited.

Smt. Supriya Sahu IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Dept. of Environment, Climate Change and Forest, Government of Tamil Nadu said "we need to go back to what our grandparents were practicing 100 years back to minimise waste and they were biggest EPR experts since they had a very successful zero waste policy", during her keynote address adding that Tamil Nadu is the first state to establish district-level climate mission and designated 40 climate officers across the state to build capacity at the panchayat level & State government is leading effort in this area and working closely with the informal sector.

She further said they planned to work with garbage collectors to ensure that plastic waste was collected. She said “There is a need to work with the informal sector,” and she added that as part of keeping beaches litter free, the government was working on naming two more ‘blue beaches’, similar to the one at Kovalam. A total of 10 beaches are to be taken up as part of the project.

Dr. Jayanthi Murali, Chairperson, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board said over 30 companies had registered in the EPR portal, and their registrations had been cleared. She said EPR would enable governments to precisely assess the plastic ecosystem and plan the way forward towards net zero and non-biodegradable-waste-free sustainable environment. Targets have been set for all categories of persons involved in the ecosystem.

Other Eminent Speakers including **Mr. Sreeram Srinivasan**, Chief Project Director, Project Management Unit, Tamil Nadu Green Climate Company, Dept of Environment, Climate Change and Forest, Government of Tamil Nadu and **Dr. Rachna Arora**, Team Leader, Circular Economy Solutions Preventing Marine Litter, GIZ India also spoke on the need for EPR.

Caption (L to R): **Mr. Sreeram Srinivasan**, Chief Project Director, Project Management Unit, Tamil Nadu Green Climate Company, Dept of Environment, Climate Change and Forest, Government of Tamil Nadu, **Smt. Supriya Sahu IAS**, Additional Chief Secretary, Dept. of Environment, Climate Change and Forest, Government of Tamil Nadu, **Dr. Jayanthi Murali**, Chairperson, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, **Dr. Rachna Arora**, Team Leader, Circular Economy Solutions Preventing Marine Litter, GIZ India
