

CSIR-NEERI organized a Stakeholders' Conclave & Brainstorming on "Current Challenges & Environmental Issues in Southern Region of India" at CSIR Madras Complex, Chennai on 19 September 2025. The event brought together 350+ participants from State Pollution Control Boards, industries, regulators, and academia to deliberate on groundwater stress, climate change, waste management, and emerging pollutants.

Eminent speakers including Dr. Jayanthi Murali (TNPCB), Er. S. Sreekala (KSPCB), Dr. N. Ramesh (PPCC), and Dr. K. Rajeevan (L&T) shared perspectives on microplastics, e-waste, sludge management, ZLD systems, and circular economy. Dr. Sukumar Devotta, Former Director, CSIR-NEERI emphasized the need for inter-state collaboration and a comprehensive national-level policy to tackle emerging environmental challenges effectively.

Dr. S. Venkata Mohan, Director, CSIR-NEERI, highlighted success stories and called for collaborative action to address regional environmental challenges through innovation, policy, and sustainable solutions.



