

**Press Release**

**Interactive Meeting on Plastic Ban with Representatives from Shopping Malls, Hotels and Marriage Halls**

Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB) organized a one-day stakeholders' interactive meet with the representatives from Shopping Malls, Hotels and Marriage Halls at TNPCB Auditorium, Guindy, Chennai on 17.11.2018 as part of sensitization programme on "Plastic Pollution Free Tamil Nadu" and the ban of certain "Use and Throwaway Plastics" effective from 01.01.2019 onwards. Representatives of 174 numbers took part in the said meeting.

Thiru. D.Sekar, Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board delivered the special address briefing the Government's plastic ban, role of the stakeholders in successful implementation of the same and requested their cooperation for making this historic mission to reach even the last person of the State.

Thiru A. Thangapandian, Joint Chief Environmental Engineer, TNPCB elaborated the plastic ban to the stakeholders with a power point presentation and detailed display of banned plastic items, suitable eco-friendly alternatives, need of proper disposal of waste and reverse vending machine for collection of used plastic bottles and juice cartons.

Dr A. Samuel Rajkumar, Environmental Engineer, TNPCB concluded the meet and proposed vote of thanks.

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