

Press Release

**Visit of the Director General, Indo-Pacific Foreign Commonwealth Development Office,
U.K. to the Climate Studio at Chennai**

The Government of Tamil Nadu, Department of Environment Climate Change & Forests has operationalised the Climate Studio at the Centre for Climate Change & Disaster Management (CCCDM), Anna University, Chennai at a cost of Rs.3.89 crores by the Government of Tamil Nadu to enable the Climate Studio to develop cadastral level climate change adaptation plans for the State of Tamil Nadu.

Thiru Vijay Rangarajan, Director General, Indo-Pacific, Foreign Common Wealth Development Office, UK along with Thiru Oliver Ballhatchet, Deputy High Commissioner, British Deputy High Commission, Chennai made a visit to the Climate Studio to understand its functioning and explore possibilities of further collaboration.

The Climate Studio at the Anna University is equipped with a high-performance State of the art computational facilities (Super computer) along with digital learning accessories to process climate data from the global and regional scales needed to address sectoral vulnerability assessment at the cadastral level. Studies being carried out by the climate Studio will provide updated high-resolution and robust cadastral level Regional Climate Scenarios for micro-level policy planning covering the whole of Tamil Nadu which could be scaled up for the country. The multi-sectoral cadastral level spatial information using renowned software such as SWAT, MIKE (Water sector), Infocrop, DSSAT (Agriculture), SImCLIM (coastal), and Maxent (Forest) substantiated with advanced statistical packages like “R” and geospatial tools like ArcGIS will be developed to draw suitable adaptation strategies for water resources, agriculture, forest and Biodiversity, coastal ecosystem and sustainable habitat sectors.

Thiru Rangarajan interacted with young scientists working at the Climate Studio and shared his experience of Climate Change issues in the U.K. and across the world. He emphasized on the need for effective translation of evidence based data from scientific institution to field level implementation. Tmt.Supriya Sahu,IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Environment, Climate Change and Forests Department said that the cadastral mapping data from Climate Studio shall be disseminated to District Collectors who are the Mission Directors of the District Climate Mission. She also highlighted that the Government of Tamil Nadu is in the process of selecting 40 young people under its Green Fellowship Programmes who play a critical role in Climate action.

Dr.Kurian Joseph, Director, Centre for Climate Change & Disaster Management(CCDM), Anna University & Thiru Deepak Bilgi,IFS were also present on the occasion.

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