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## All cities in Tamil Nadu should be climate resilient -

Dr.V.Irai Anbu, IAS., Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu

While speaking at an event on Friday on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2022, Dr.V. Irai Anbu,IAS stressed on the need to integrate climate resilience in local bodies. He highlighted the importance of involving local communities to fight against the global warming and urged all stakeholders to learn from various experiences and come out with simple practical solutions to fight climate change. During his inaugural speech, he highlighted the importance of environment education for school children & youth to multiply the impact of Government action in the area of Climate change.

Dr. V. Irai Anbu, IAS., was speaking at the 1<sup>st</sup> National Level Best Practice Workshop jointly hosted by the Department of Environment, Climate Change & Forests and the Department of Municipal Administration and Water Supply in collaboration with the CapaCITIES Project, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, C40 and the World Resources Institute. The event saw the participation of Municipal Commissioners stakeholders from Gujarat, West Bengal and Northeastern States. On this occasion, the Chief Secretary released the Brochure of the Tamil Nadu Green Climate Company, which is the first ever Special Purpose Vehicle set up by the Government of Tamil Nadu as a "Not for Profit Body" to steer the climate action in the State.

Speaking on this occasion, Tmt.Supriya Sahu,IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Department of Environment, Climate Change & Forests informed that the Tamil Nadu Green Climate Change Company is the first of its kind initiative of the Government of Tamil Nadu to give focus and attention to climate change. She also highlighted the work being done under the three flagship Missions viz. Green Tamil Nadu Mission, Tamil Nadu Wetlands Mission, and Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission which collectively aim to fight the adverse impact of Climate Change.

Thiru. Emani Kumar, Deputy Secretary General, ICLEI, South Asia, Thiru Hans Peter Egler, Director Sustainable Infrastructure / Public Sector, South Pole, Mr. Hitesh Vaidya, Director, NIUA, Dr. Jonathan Demenge, Head of Cooperation, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation participated in the workshop.

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