

Press Release

Tmt. Supriya Sahu IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Environment and Climate Change, Government of Tamil Nadu, and Ms.Jenny Bates, Director General (Indo-Pacific) at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office today jointly launched a Project on Alternatives to Plastics, during their visit to the Perungudi dumpyard where they inspect the challenges in Solid Waste Management and the role of plastics in exacerbating the problem. The teams also visited the Perungudi dump reclamation project site where Bio-Mining of legacy waste is being carried out.

In 2018 the Government of Tamil Nadu banned the use of 14 types of plastic items, including non-biodegradable bags and Single Use Plastics from January 2019. In the next six months, Government of Tamil Nadu and the UK Government, through its Climate Resilient Cities for Shared Prosperity (CReSP) technical assistance partnerships programme, will work together to prepare a live baseline report for Kanchipuram, Thiruvallur and Nilgiris districts. This project will help with a replicable, actionable and impactful framework to implement the ban and suggest alternatives to plastics.

The impacts of mismanaged waste, especially plastic waste on the climate, communities and ecosystems are an urgent development and climate challenge. To solve this problem, targeted, innovative circular economy approaches and programmes at scale and speed are required. The UK is a committed partner to India in its climate initiative through the CReSP programme.

It is worthy to note that the Government of Tamil Nadu allocate Rs.500 crore towards setting up the Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission to focus on climate change adaptation and mitigation activities. With a trillion-dollar economy plan in the anvil, Tamil Nadu can lead the way for sustainable development through its climate change initiatives.

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