

**Orientation Programme
on
Climate Change, Urbanisation and Water Security**

Date: July 23, 2012-08-10

Venue: Kamat Lingapur Hotel, Hyderabad

On July 23rd, 2012, SaciWATERS organised an orientation programme on Climate Change, Urbanisation and Water for government officials in Kamat Lingapur hotel in Hyderabad. The programme was attended by about 18 participants of which comprised of engineers from the various circles of the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB), members of the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) and members of the Municipal Corporation of Vishakapatnam and Warangal. The programme was inaugurated by the Chairman of the HMDA, Mr. Sunil Kumar Gupta, who spoke about the importance of the lake hydrology and therefore the need to protect them. The programme was followed by four key presentations by resource persons from Hyderabad who attempted to provide some basic insights to the participants about the meaning and implications of climate change and how in combination with urbanisation can have detrimental impact on the availability of water in the city and its peri-urban areas. This was also followed by an understanding of a few simple technical solutions which could be taken up in the urban watershed by service providers to improve the water availability of the city and its surrounding areas. Finally, the participants were educated on the importance of taking up correct technical decision regarding water supply systems and it was urged that the engineers must raise their voices against wrong planning of systems and processes by the administration. The programme was concluded by a round of feedback from the participants.