

## The International Workshop on Action for Rivers

**14<sup>th</sup> March 2023:** “The International Workshop on Action for Rivers” was organized by the Center for Research in Environment, Sustainability Advocacy and Climate Change (REACH) with the theme “Save Rivers for Safe Water”. The event was graced by the presence of Chief Guest, Ms. Marit Marie Strand, Counsellor, Norwegian Embassy, New Delhi and the Guest of Honour Mr. Jeyannathann Karunanithi, India Regional Operations Manager, International Water Association. Prof. S. Ponnusamy, Registrar, SRMIST presided over the proceedings of the events alongwith beloved Dean (Research) Prof. Bernaudshaw Neppolian.



Session 1 of the workshop commenced with the exhibition of research ideas and prototypes by



engineering students of various departments of SRMIST. The welcome address was delivered by Prof. Paromita Chakraborty, Head, REACH, followed by a display of a short video of the outreach initiative

to clean a segment of Adyar River bank at Chetty-thottam, Saidapet. Prof. Paromita Chakraborty headed the initiative with 50 volunteers from various disciplines of SRMIST, Kattankulathur actively participating in the river clean-up program. The participants raised awareness amongst the people living around the vicinity of the Adyar river regarding the



importance of rivers and the need for keeping them clean. Session 1 was concluded with the release of “The Water Policy 2023” of SRMIST by Prof. S. Ponnusamy.



Session 2 began with the briefing of rivers-oriented research and other activities taking place in REACH, SRMIST by Prof. Paromita Chakraborty. Ms. Marit Strand, in her special address, signified the importance of conserving water to students and research scholars with live examples from Oslo, Norway. Mr. Jeyannathann Karunanithi enlightened the young audience about the opportunities offered by the International Water Association and its Indian Chapter. The event concluded with prize distribution to the best performing team in the River Clean Up Initiative and also exhibits with the most innovative ideas.







This community outreach initiative was presented the **“Best Awareness Campaign Award”** at the Recommerce Expo held in Bangalore on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August 2023 by the Honorable Justice Shri. Subash Adi, Chairman, State Level Committee of the National Green Tribunal, Karnataka.

REACH also participated in the Roundtable at the Expo and interacted with Honorable Minister of State for IT & BT, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Shri. Priyank Kharge.



### Youtube Video Link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3-GdeGi4dKU>