

**Concept note:**

**Potable water in Bangalore: Today and Tomorrow**

As the city of Bengaluru grows with its burgeoning population, the demand for water is growing with it. The current availability of 870mld will be added with another 100mld by 2012. Can it quench the thirst of Bengaluru, its people, animals, greenery, industries etc...? Will there be equitable distribution? Will it cost more? Will the BWSSB increase its efficiency and reduce the current level of unaccounted water? How can the BWSSB achieve this total solution? Many issues will determine the answers these questions.

The discussion will focus on the following issues and try to find a way forward:

- Overall picture of water supply - population v/s availability - present and future
- Increasing BWSSB efficiency - plans for reducing 50% unaccounted water.
- Slum development package with Rs.300 Crores - implementation plan of BWSSB
- Greivance redressal mechanism - Water Adalats
- Public participation platforms – do we need Users' Associations to plan and monitor. Can it overlap with BBMP structures and achieve convergence of operations.
- Increasing awareness, transparency and accountability.
- Privatization- role of private parties as of today and as envisaged for the future.
- Managing distribution of water - contractual obligations and role of valve-men, the last mile efficiency.

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## **INVITATION**

For a Panel Discussion on

### **Potable water in Bengaluru: Today and Tomorrow**

Moderator

**Mr. S. Vishwanath**  
**Trustee, CIVIC**

Panelists

**Mr. Narayana**  
**Chief Engineer**  
**BWSSB**

**Mr. Rajendran Prabhakar**  
**Social Activist**  
**Bangalore**

Date

**21<sup>st</sup> February 2011**

Time

**3PM to 5PM**

Venue

**SCM, #29, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cross, CSI compound, Mission Road**

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