



The World is Thirsty Because We are Hungry

World Water Day 2012

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Date:

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Venue:

**Seminar Hall,
Achutha Menon Center
for Health Science Studies**

Program

We observe 22nd March of every year as World Water Day to emphasize the importance of freshwater in our lives and promote the sustainable management of freshwater resources. A person drink only 2 to 4 litres of water per day, but 2000 to 5000 litres of water is needed to produce his daily food intake. Feeding the rapidly growing world population is a challenge that is driving the world thirsty due to the substantial water requirements. We need to explore ways of producing more food with limited resources, reduce wastage and adopt sustainable diets. Better access to water resources fosters human development and reduces undernourishment. Water scarcity can lead to catastrophic famine and undernourishment especially in agrarian developing countries. This is very much relevant in the current scenario of global climate change which has resulted in erratic rainfalls, floods and droughts. Food security exists when all people, at all times, have access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food to meet their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life and effective management of water resources lies at its core.

Theme : **Water, Food Security and Public Health**

9.00 am : **Registration & Inauguration**

9.30 am - 1.30 pm : **Workshop**

1.30 pm : **Lunch**

9.30 am - 3.30 pm : **Poster and Water Technology Exhibition**

The panel of experts leading the workshop include :-

- Chair Person : Dr. Raman Kutty V., Professor, Achutha Menon Center for Health Science Studies.
- Prof. M.K. Prasad, India's one of the well known environmentalists who is in the forefront of various movements in this regard.
- Mr. C. Jayakumar, a well known environmental activist involved in several movements nationally and a trustee / board member of the NGO, 'Thanal'.
- Dr. Suja R., Department of Civil Engineering, CET, Trivandrum.