

**SOUTH ASIA CONSORTIUM FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY WATER RESOURCES STUDIES (SaciWATERs), Hyderabad** organized an International Workshop on Water and Health at Hyderabad during February 25-27, 2009. Experts from different countries like India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, U.S.A, Germany and international organizations like UNICEF and OXFAM attended and presented papers in the workshop. **Dr. Basudha Chattopadhyay, Research Analyst, National Institute of Urban Affairs** was invited by the organizers to participate and present a paper in the workshop. She participated in the workshop and presented a paper titled **Water Supply in Urban India: A Review of Coverage, Disposal of Waste Water and Water Pollution** in this workshop.

The paper reviews the coverage of water supply in urban India at national, state and city levels. It also reviews the system of wastewater disposal and pollution of water in urban India. The paper finds that the availability of drinking water, facilities for wastewater disposal as well as facilities for water pollution monitoring declines with city size. Moreover lack of facilities for wastewater disposal pollute surface water and ground water. Water quality monitoring is also found to be inadequate. All these things have implications for public health. The study concludes with some suggested steps towards a sound policy for management of drinking water supply in urban India.