

# Indo-French Collaborative Water Projects in Pipeline

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**Puducherry:** Ambassador of France in India, Francois Richier, on Tuesday announced funding of two to three new Indo-French collaborative projects in the area of water management, under the aegis of Indo-French Water Network (IFWN).

“We are looking at more such joint projects on water and land resource manage-

possible?’, at the French Institute of Pondicherry.

The workshop is jointly organised by the Department of Ecology and Environment sciences of Pondicherry University and French Institute of Pondicherry on Tuesday and fully funded by IFWN.

Richier said IFWN wants to have a holistic approach to water and land-related issues. “It could also be an intellectual platform for addressing questions on water

added. The three-day workshop is the second collaborative project of the IFWN with a funding of ₹9.4 lakh through the Indo-French Centre for Research.

Richier also added that higher education was another priority area.

Ramasamy R Iyer, former secretary, Ministry of Water Resources said, “Big dams lead to dry patches on river. In some cases tunnels for over 100 kilometres have