

# SRU inks pact with USA University

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Chairman of Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board R Balakrishnan has said that the board has been imparting training to its stakeholders, including Sri Ramachandra University, on biomedical waste management and that global warming was having its impact worllover.

He was delivering the presidential address on the occasion of SRU and the School of Public Health, University of California-Berkely, formally signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on the launch of Masters in Public Health Programme - MPH - (Occupational and Environmental Health) yesterday.

The course is a two-year programme with four semesters.

The Dean of the Californian varsity Dr Stephen M Shortell made the in-



**SRU Pro-Chancellor S P Thyagarajan and School of Public Health, University of California- Berkely dean Dr Stephen M Shortell exchanging an MoU at the launch of Masters in Public Health Programme yesterday in SRU, Porur, near Chennai.**

augural address. He said the SRU-Berkely inter-institutional collaboration was supported by the Interna-

tional Training and Research Programme on Environmental and Occupational Health Programme of

the Fogarty International Centre, National Institutes of Health, USA.

Professor Dr Kirk R Smith of Berkely and Dr Kalpana Balakrishnan of SRU serve as the respective institutional principal investigators.

Chancellor of Sri Ramachandra University V R Venkataachalam felicitated the delegates. SRU Pro-Chancellor S P Thyagarajan and Shortell exchanged the documents of the MoU.

Earlier, SRU Vice-Chancellor S Rangaswami welcomed the dignitaries and Dean of faculties Dr K V Somasundaram proposed a vote of thanks.

Head of ICMR Division of Epidemiology and Communicable Diseases Dr Lalit Kant, Chief Inspector of Factories Dr S Ragnathan and German Technical Cooperation Proklima International project manager Markus Wypior participated and spoke.