

Project for water quality

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UDHAGAMANDALAM: Keystone Foundation, a Kotagiri-based non-governmental organisation, has launched a 'water resources and livelihood project' with focus on improving the quality of drinking water in seven tribal villages of the Sigur Plateau.

At a workshop held in Vazhaithottam recently Director, Keystone

Foundation, Pratim Roy, said that an in-depth analysis of the drinking water used by the tribals revealed that the presence of coliform bacteria was high, indicating contamination of water at the higher reaches, which led to pollution of the water sources of the villages downstream.

A field water testing unit set up by the Foundation at Vazhaithottam enabled tribals to check the quality of water they were consuming.