

## New Zealand India Sustainability Challenge Launches on World Environment Day

**Mumbai, June 02, 2017:** Education New Zealand, in association with The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) and three New Zealand universities, announces the “*New Zealand - India Sustainability Challenge*” to address environmental and sustainability challenges facing our world.

The Sustainability Challenge will bring together Indian and New Zealand university students to solve pressing environmental and sustainability challenges, and will raise the awareness of education and research in areas such as conservation, ecology, environmental science, and sustainable energy.

Through the Sustainability Challenge, Indian students will have an opportunity to work alongside their New Zealand counterparts to develop scalable, sustainable solutions to problems facing the environment and society. The solutions will also inspire the next generation of young leaders to identify problems around their campuses and communities, by designing appropriate solutions through the use of innovative sustainable practices.



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Launching the challenge on

[www.studyinnewzealand.govt.nz/nzisc](http://www.studyinnewzealand.govt.nz/nzisc), **Education New Zealand’s Regional Director – India, South East Asia and Middle East, John Laxon said,** “*Indian students are increasingly choosing to study in New Zealand as our education system provides global and fulfilling career opportunities, as well as a progressive learning experience. New Zealand’s universities are leading innovations in our societies and demonstrating sustainable principles across their campuses. We are delighted to partner with our New Zealand universities and TERI to find solutions for challenges like climate change, energy and food security, sanitation and water quality.*”

Also speaking at the occasion **Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, TERI** said, “*We are delighted to collaborate with leading New Zealand and Indian universities through the NZISC which will encourage students from the two countries to work together on developing solutions to on-campus environmental and social problems. The challenge aims to engage students with real-life problems around them and help create a multicultural environment for problem-solving as well as a crew of aware and informed young people who will carry the sustainable development agenda forward.*”

The competition is open to all undergraduate students aged 18-22 years from recognised colleges in Delhi NCR, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Maharashtra. The competition encourages students from across different areas like science, technical, economic, cultural, social, environmental and agriculture to work together. Shortlisted teams will get guidance from world-leading academics throughout the selection process, students from the winning team will win a three week all-expense paid internship at the New Zealand partner universities - University of Canterbury ([www.canterbury.ac.nz](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz)), University of Otago ([www.otago.ac.nz](http://www.otago.ac.nz)) and University of Waikato ([www.waikato.ac.nz](http://www.waikato.ac.nz)).

For more information and registrations log on to [www.studyinnewzealand.govt.nz/nzisc](http://www.studyinnewzealand.govt.nz/nzisc)

#### **About Education New Zealand:**

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#### **About TERI:**

The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) is a leading think tank dedicated to conducting research for sustainable development of India and the Global South. TERI was established in 1974 as an information centre on energy issues, over the years it has made a mark as a research institute, whose policy and technology solutions transformed people's lives and the environment. TERI's key focus lies in promoting clean energy, water management, pollution management, sustainable agriculture and climate resilience.

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