



On Independence Day, TERI expresses solidarity with Uttarakhand flood victims

New Delhi, August 15, 2013: The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) celebrated India's 67th Independence Day with nationalistic fervor at its headquarters in New Delhi today.

Swept in a wave of patriotic exuberance, TERI's researchers along with their families, commemorated the occasion by remembering the sacrifices made by the country's freedom fighters in the struggle for India's independence.

Dr. R.K. Pachauri, Director General, TERI, initiated the proceedings by unfurling the tricolour at the India Habitat Centre complex, as strains of the national anthem-sung in unison by the staff members-reverberated in the air.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Pachauri said, "Independence Day is an occasion when we need to thank those who made enormous sacrifices to give us freedom as a nation. Yet, it is also a moment when we should look at the growing challenges ahead which includes the growing disparity in income and wealth between rich and poor in this country, the persistent problem of large scale poverty, the growing degradation of our natural resources and the environment. We need to focus on some these challenges and work collectively and individually to bring about a reversal of the unfavorable and acceptable trends that we see around us. I hope today we can initiate action by which we provide every citizen of India ecological and economic security and true independence we want".

He further added "Though India has come a long way since 1947, it is pertinent to ensure equitable growth. Many of our countrymen are still living in poverty. Institutions of excellence such as TERI have an important role to play in this regard. We need to bring about an attitudinal shift among people for a better India through innovations, outreach and technological development."

TERI's staff also organised a colourful event following the hoisting of the national flag, showcasing various hues of India's freedom through mesmerising cultural performances.

A beautiful, modern rendition of the national song, '*Vande Mataram*,' performed by students from TERI University enthralled everyone in attendance.

The event came to a close with a string of musical and dance performances on themes pertaining to India's diverse cultures and traditions, unity, national aspirations and vision for the future.

About The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)

Led by world-renowned economist and Nobel Prize winning climate scientist, Dr. R.K. Pachauri, TERI is an independent, not-for-profit research institute focused on energy, environment, and sustainable development and devoted to efficient and sustainable use of natural resources.

Since its inception in 1974, TERI has emerged as an institution of excellence for its path-breaking research, and is a global brand widely respected by the political leaders, policy makers, corporate entities as well as the civil society at large.

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