



**TERI University wins the 'Greenest University and Research Institution' award for
2013**

Award to be presented next week at COP 19, Warsaw, Poland

TERI University, instituted by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), has won the 'Greenest University and Research Institution' award in a competitive assessment, edging out other prestigious global institutions like Copenhagen University, Denmark, University of Plymouth, UK, Deakin University, Australia, and Unity College, Maine, USA, among others. The award is one amongst ten inaugural Climate Change Awards organized by Responding to Climate Change (RTCC) – a news and analysis website. RTCC is the accredited observer to the UN Framework Climate Change Convention (UNFCCC) and is the TV host for the UN at its climate, biodiversity and desertification talks. For this first set of awards, the winners, selected across ten categories, including, Green Business, Climate NGO of the Year and other sustainable solutions, serve to highlight individual businesses and sector leaders who are driving the green economy forward. The awards will be presented in Warsaw, Poland while climate change negotiations are taking place at Conference of the Parties (COP) 19.

Underscoring TERI's commitment to green thinking, Dr. R.K. Pachauri, Director General, TERI, Chancellor, TERI University and presently Chairperson, IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) said, "TERI is dedicated to pursuing in our own humble way Gandhiji's adage of "Be the change you want to see in the world". As an institute, with an exclusive focus on efficient use of resources and "greening" of economic activities, TERI as well as the university it has promoted, the TERI University, are deeply committed to constructing buildings and processes in which the two organisations function, which are green in every respect. Working in such premises influences value systems and behaviour of all the employees and students using these buildings in the right direction."

TERI University has demonstrated its dedication to green thinking and construction. It was featured as one of 'Delhi's green buildings' this year, with its Vasant Kunj campus reported

as saving 60% energy and reducing consumption of water by 25%. The campus is aesthetically designed with several features of passive solar design, energy-efficiency and water and waste management systems. It has imbibed its eco-friendly values in core academic routines as well. It has been announced that the university's joint research and development programme will have the participation of 95 government and private entities in the next five years, and will focus on building energy efficiency, solar and biofuels. Apart from doctoral research, TERI University runs masters programmes in Environmental Studies and Resource Management; Environmental and Resource Economics; Geoinformatics; Climate Science and Policy; Renewable Energy Engineering and Management; Urban Development and Management; Public Policy and Sustainable Development; Sustainable Development Practice; and Plant Biotechnology. The University also offers MBA programmes in Infrastructure, and Business Sustainability.

Acknowledging the award and confirming TERI University's focus, Dr Leena Srivastava, Vice Chancellor, TERI University and Executive Director, TERI said, "The TERI University is honoured and privileged to receive this recognition! Apart from continuously striving to make our campus greener, our entire curriculum is based on sustainability studies and our students are imbibing sustainability solutions on a daily basis. We seek to partner wider with a range of actors to help preserve planet earth for the future generations."

Besides the Green University of 2013 award, nine other categories across which the Climate Change Awards have been announced, include: Climate NGO of the year, Electric Vehicle innovator, Marine energy solutions provider, Sustainable Waste Management firm, Green business of 2013, Green city of 2013, Sustainable Technology firm, Wind energy solutions provider, Solar energy solutions provider and Climate Woman of 2013.

Other institutions that were nominated under the Green University of 2013 award included: Unity College, Maine, USA, Copenhagen University, Denmark, University of Zambia and Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Ghana, University of Plymouth, UK, Deakin University, Australia, Lappeenranta University (LUT), Finland, Heriot-Watt University, Loughborough University, the University of Sheffield and University College London.

About TERI

The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) is an independent, not-for-profit research organisation deeply committed to every aspect of energy, environment, and sustainable development. From providing environment-friendly solutions to rural energy problems, to helping shape the development of the Indian oil and gas sector; from tackling global climate change issues across many continents to enhancing forest conservation efforts among local communities; from advancing solutions to growing urban transportation and air pollution problems to promoting energy efficiency in Indian industries, the emphasis has always been on finding innovative solutions to make the world a better place to live in. All activities at TERI move from formulating local and national-level strategies to suggesting global solutions tackling critical energy and environment related issues.

Headed by Dr. R.K. Pachauri, also the chairperson of the Nobel Peace Prize winning climate change body, IPCC, TERI has emerged as an institution of excellence for its path-breaking research, and is a global brand widely respected by political leaders, policy makers, corporate entities as well as the civil society at large.

About TERI University

TERI University is an 'A' grade institution accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) of India. It has received accolades for incorporating new and innovative elements in education for sustainable development. Students at the TERI University are exposed to a variety of subjects, tools and methodologies in an interdisciplinary mode. They are exposed to a new way of thinking that looks at problems not from the lens of a subject specialist, but from the perspective of one who recognizes the complex linkages between man and his environment. The University offers a wide range of programmes, from MBAs in Infrastructure and Business Sustainability to masters programmes across a variety of areas in Environmental Studies and Resource Management.

The University uses modern pedagogical tools, richly supplemented by field visits, live industry projects, and hands-on applications. It provides the very best in laboratories, equipment and instruments, including state-of-the art computer hardware and software, video-conferencing facilities, and access to electronic and print resources in its library. In

keeping with its global outlook, TERI University has academic collaborations with select foreign universities, which provide for joint research and curriculum development as well as faculty and student exchanges. Located at Vasant Kunj in South Delhi, the TERI University campus has been planned to provide a setting that enhances learning and also showcases the concept of modern green buildings.

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