



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **TERI ORGANIZES 'STATE LEVEL YOUTH SEMINAR' ACROSS SEVEN STATES IN INDIA**

*The aim of the seminar is to sensitize young minds on issues pertaining to innovation and participation in sustainable development. It will be launched in Guwahati (Assam) followed by six other states and union territories of the country.*

**Guwahati: 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2013:** The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) in partnership with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, today launched the first series of 'State Level Youth Seminar', entitled 'New Ideas for a New Tomorrow – Promoting Innovation and Youth Participation'. These seminars will be organized in seven states and Union Territories of the country namely Assam (Guwahati), Maharashtra (Nagpur), Uttar Pradesh (Aligarh), Odisha (Bhubaneswar), Jammu and Kashmir (Jammu), Kerala (Cochin) and Gujarat (Ahmedabad); with approximately 150 youths from Colleges, Universities; Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), NSS and NYKS and youth groups from the respective states participating in the seminar. Each youth seminar will focus on a pertinent and pressing environmental challenge in the state/region. Selected participants will get an opportunity to participate in the 'YUVA Meet 2014' to be held from February 3-4, 2014 so that the voice of the young can be heard at the major international forum.

The two-day event of 'New Ideas for a New Tomorrow – Promoting Innovation to Youth Participation' aims:

- To educate youth to enhance their understanding of issues concerning sustainable development and innovation.
- To instill a sense of responsibility and engage youth in environmental stewardship.
- To motivate and engage youth to play a pro-active role in addressing issues related to sustainable development.
- To build a network of like-minded youth to ensure a collective voice.

On this occasion, **Mr. D Saikia, Vice-Chancellor, Cotton College University** said "Microbes are invented in countries like India, which has pollution more in comparison to the other western countries'. In his conclusion he urged the participants to spread the knowledge gained from this seminar to their friends and should also look at reducing their own carbon foot prints".



Highlighting the importance of such initiatives, **Ms. Ranjana Saikia, Director, Educating Youth for Sustainable Development, TERI**, said “It is important for the youth to understand the relevance of innovation in sustainable development. This seminar is being organized to deliberate on ideas through networking and knowledge sharing”

During the course of the seminar; simulation exercises based on environmental and sustainability concerns will be conducted and group activities and presentations will be organized for the participants.

In addition to this, expert session on understanding ‘innovation’ as a concept and a panel discussion on the identified state specific issues such as knowledge systems, water, energy food, etc. will be conducted. Participants will get a chance to interact with experts, practitioners, government officials, and educators working in these areas.

A youth panel for young participants to voice their opinion on the issues related to innovation & youth participation vis-a-vis sustainable development will also be organized and selected group of participants will be given a chance to be a part of the panel.

The participants will include undergraduates and post graduate students between the age group of 18- 24 years from any recognized university, young professionals under the age of 30 and Young enthusiastic individuals willing to voice their opinions and contribute towards a sustainable future.

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#### **ABOUT YUVA MEET**

‘YUVA Meet’ is special event of DSDS (Delhi Sustainable Development Summit) and is held a day prior to the event so that the voice of the young can be heard at the major international forum. Sixth in the series, the meet this year will be held from 3-4 February 2014 at India International Centre, Max Muller Marg, New Delhi on the theme, and “Innovations for a Sustainable Future - Transforming Learning into Action”. The YUVA Meet 2014 is being organized in collaboration with Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India.

#### **ABOUT TERI:**

The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) is an independent, not-for-profit research organization 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.

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