



TERI University celebrates EARTH DAY

Tulsi Tanti, Dr R K Pachauri plant samplings to mark the celebrations

New Delhi, 18th April, 2012, TERI University, celebrated Earth Day today in the presence of Mr Tulsi Tanti, Chairman, Suzlon Group, Dr RK Pachauri, Chancellor, TERI University, Mr Mark Kenber, CEO, The Climate Group and Dr Leena Srivastava, Vice Chancellor TERI University at the University campus in Vasant Kunj.

Welcoming guests, Dr Srivastava highlighted the importance of Earth Day and explained how youth should be actively involved in sustainable development.

Mr Tulsi Tanti, the chief guest at the occasion addressed the University students and spoke on 'Sustainable growth - Turning attainment to a reality'.

Addressing TERI University students, **Mr. Tulsi Tanti**, said, "With our increasing population and drive to bring better living standards to all – the most crucial enabler for India is energy. Each Indian must have access to safe, secure and affordable energy supplies – this is a fundamental right. It is a sad fact that even today more than million Indians do not have regular access to power."

"However, this is not an insurmountable challenge. With the right policies, investment and public-private partnership models, we can bring energy poverty to an end by 2020. For this to happen we must all – government, industry and citizens – must make a sustainable energy mix an immediate and urgent priority. The tools are already with us, we are blessed with more than enough wind, sun and tides to meet our needs and that of future generations. India is uniquely positioned among developing nations to leapfrog the technology divide and lead the change. As populations grow and with it the need for energy, we have the opportunity to lead the world on to the road to truly sustainable, equitable development."

Speaking at the event **Dr RK Pachauri, Chancellor, TERI University** said, "Change in a range of our policies is now imperative and perhaps one area which requires greater and more urgent attention is the energy sector. It is heartening that enlightened business leaders like Mr. Tulsi Tanti are assuming leadership in this area, and I hope all stakeholders start realizing their responsibilities for protecting the earth's ecosystems and ensuring a sustainable future for our children and generations yet to come.

Debates, quiz competitions were also held at the sidelines of the event, which witnessed active participation from the colleges in NCR.

ABOUT TERI University:

TERI University was established in 1998. Initially set-up as the TERI School of Advanced Studies, it received the status of a deemed university in 1999. The university is a unique institution of higher learning exclusively for programmes leading to PhD and Masters level degrees. Its uniqueness lies in the wealth of research carried out within TERI, its parent body, as well as by its faculty and students, genuinely making it a research-based university. The richness of programmes presents a refreshing flavour of innovation and relevance to address challenges of tomorrow's sustainability.

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