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Workshop on Water Resource Management for students held today

TERI University and The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) organized the Regional Consultative Workshop of the 'Inter-University Competition on Water Resources Management' programme at TERI University today. The programme is being supported by Robert Bosch Stiftung, WAPCOS, US AID and Coca Cola.

New Delhi, January 20: TERI University and The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) today organized the '**Inter-University Competition on Water Resources Management**' programme, which is for students at the undergraduate level, who are typically in the age group of 17-22 years. The programme, which comes under the Educating Youth for Sustainable Development (EYSD) division of TERI, essentially follows a competition mode, which will run along sub-national lines, providing an opportunity to students from all parts of India to participate. The programme will engage students to develop a multi-stakeholder, evidence-based, participative and practically implementable 'Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) Proposal'. **The programme is being supported by Robert Bosch Stiftung, WAPCOS, US AID and Coca Cola.**

Speaking on the occasion, **Dr C K Singh**, Assistant Professor, TERI University, New Delhi, emphasized on the need to ideate inter-disciplinary solutions for water resources management. He presented best case practices as examples to be incorporated by students while developing their proposals on water management and sanitation.

Ms Ranjana Saikia, Director, Educating Youth for Sustainable Development, TERI, said: "The youth constitute the largest population in India and have many ideas that can make a difference. The only thing now that we need to explore is the right opportunities for them to harness their positive energy. The 'Inter-University Competition on Water Resources Management' is a unique platform to engage young minds to provide solutions to India's water problems."

Ms Ragini Kumar, Associate Fellow, Educating Youth for Sustainable Development, TERI, said: “The youth across the globe possess creative skills required to solve diverse environmental problems. It is with this premise that we have initiated the ‘Inter-University Competition on Water Resources Management’, which engages undergraduate students across India to develop pragmatic and implementable Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) proposals to combat the problem of fresh water in India.”

As part of this programme, several **consultative workshops** were organized across many cities in India. These cities include Kolkata, Bengaluru, Jalandhar, Cochin, Goa, Guwahati, Ahmedabad and Ranchi. The workshop in New Delhi is the last one in this series. These workshops were attended by teams (students, mentors/faculty members) who had qualified during the first round of selection. The workshops were organized to give guidance to the selected teams on the IWRM proposals submitted for further refinement for the regional competitions, which will now be held during July and August, 2015.

The programme seeks to: generate awareness on water and sanitation challenges and instill an ownership of solutions at a wider stakeholder level; encourage a systemic, multi-disciplinary approach to understanding and solving water and sanitation problems; engage academia and students with local communities, governments and other stakeholders; and, to encourage local governments to mobilize research expertise of local universities for evidence generation. Attractive awards equivalent to INR 14 Lakhs will be given to the winning teams at regional and national levels. The programme will also include international knowledge exchange between German experts and selected teams for the National Competition.

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, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), TERI has emerged as

an institution of excellence for its path-breaking research, and is a global brand widely respected by political leaders, policymakers, corporate entities as well as the civil society at large.

ABOUT TERI University

The TERI University has been set up as an institution of higher learning to meet the needs of a rapidly developing India. While it draws strength from the ethos and traditions of India, as a global institution, it reaches out to source knowledge from across the globe. Its key strength lies in the reservoir of knowledge, experience and research of the parent body, TERI. The University's inception from the research and training activities of TERI has propelled and influenced the evolution of its academic units. The University and TERI function jointly in collaborative research and programmes, undertake joint studies and offer mutual support for seminars, symposiums and conferences. Additionally, TERI's existing infrastructure – state-of-the-art laboratories, well-equipped field stations and highly professional manpower – is available for the University to tap into and gain from.

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