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FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR'S DESK

It is indeed heartening and apt that the students of the MBA Programme at the TERI University are asking difficult questions on the issue of corporate social responsibility. Expectedly, when any intervention is imposed by policy or regulatory dictator, the push back from actors is strong and implementation, as a result, half-hearted. Combine with this the mistrust that corporates have in the ability of non-corporate partners to deliver high effectiveness/efficiency and the same transparency as is demanded of them – and you have a recipe for disaster! It is therefore of critical importance that barriers to a desired outcome of the Corporate Social Responsibility rules specified under the Companies Act, 2013 be identified early and continuously and that the gaps, be they in the form of supporting actors, monitoring mechanisms or accountability, addressed quickly. Having said that, the Corporates in India will not be setting a very good example of their managerial effectiveness or business organization if they assume onto themselves the responsibility to deliver directly on their CSR obligations by engaging in non-core operational areas! The CSR rules, and the obligations therein, must be seen to be part of a medium to long term process of engaging with society on broader issues of concern to them and an opportunity to develop and showcase business models that would drive development and improvements in the quality of life for all Indians – particularly the poor! As part of this process, we must indeed learn from both the successes and the failures of others through sharing of experiences openly and analytically – which is what the students have also attempted to do in this issue! I would like to congratulate them on their effort.

Leena Srivastava



FROM THE REGISTRAR'S DESK

All of us at the TERI University love to tell visitors the story of this beautiful campus of ours. When we moved in here, in Oct 2008, from our temporary abode at the India Habitat Centre, we had 60,000 sq. ft. of built-up area at our disposal, and we said 'My God, what will we do with so much space'. But the sheer atmosphere, the enthusiasm of our faculty and the excitement of our young students stimulated us all to come up with newer and more innovative programmes. Today, besides the doctoral programmes, we have 12 master's programmes on offer – all aimed at meeting the needs of society in the years to come. And within a span of just six years, we seem to be saying 'My God, where can we get some more space for all these programmes!'

To the alumni of the TERI University, I say that you have much to celebrate. You have before you, lots of avenues, and lots of paths which will all, hopefully, lead to successful and fulfilling lives. You will cherish memories of your time here and I hope you will remember your alma mater with accomplishment and pride, shared by your family and your friends. But please remember, too, that you are among society's most privileged citizens. TERI University has invested in you, and will now be counting upon your commitment and engagement as citizens of India and the world, to make both better places to live.

Dear Alumni, I will always wish that you find your passion – and that you excel in the work that you do – and do well.



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TERI University Book Fair

Venue: TERI University

Date: 14 November 2014

Book fairs play a great role in promoting the reading habit among students, researchers, faculty members, librarians and book lovers. Annual Book Fair was and always is an important event at TERI University, wherein the latest in electronic and print resources in a variety of subjects from various Indian and international publishers and distributors were displayed.

REtopia 2014

Venue: TERI University

Date(s): 17-18 November 2014

An Annual Technical Symposium was organized by the Department of Energy and Environment on the 17th and 18th of November at TERI University. It was an event that brought together minds from academics, industry and the government. Issues concerning energy and environment were discussed through various events with the highlight being a Panel Discussion on the topic "How to Make India a Renewable Energy Hub". Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of State for Power, Coal and New and Renewable Energy (Independent Charge), Government of India delivered the Inaugural address and congratulated TERI University for the work it has been doing vis-à-vis renewable energy. The Hon'ble Minister also stressed on the long run benefits of renewable energy and Government of India's continued commitment to lead revolution in renewable energy sector.

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas

Venue: TERI University

Date: 31 October 2014

The TERI University celebrated the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel to spread the message of unity, safety and security on Friday, 31 October 2014. Honouring the national wishes and complying with the guidance provided by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the TERI University organized Rashtriya Ekta Diwas celebrations on campus.

A pictorial exhibition depicting the life history of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was put on display by the university students. They also presented educative and inspiring speeches both in Hindi and English covering the life history of Sardar Patel. Dr. Rajiv Seth, Registrar and Dean (Admin), TERI University then administered the 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' pledge. The programme concluded with a National anthem followed by the 'run for unity' by students, faculty members and the non-teaching staff of the TERI University.

Ethnic Day

Venue: TERI University

Date: 20 October 2014

Students of the TERI University celebrated Ethnic Day with great zest and joy. They came dressed in their traditional attire and took active part in several activities that were planned for this special day. The celebrations started with the rangoli-making competition followed by prize distribution ceremony for the recently concluded TERI Sports Club events. Winners of rangoli competition, post card drawing competition and sports quiz were also felicitated.

Later in the evening, several students participated in ethnic walk wearing their traditional clothes. Eco club made a brief presentation on the revival of organic cotton on the lines of Ramayana. Elocution club besides conducting sports quiz also played a small movie titled "Diversity in the University," highlighting the mix of different cultures in the university.

TERI Sports Meet

Venue: TERI University & TERI Gwalpahari Campus

Date: 4 September 2014

The Intra-university Sports Meet is an annual sports extravaganza organized by the TERI University's Sports Club. It's a two week long event, which includes sports like badminton, table tennis, cricket, athletics, volleyball, football, basketball and carom. The annual TERI Sports Meet for 2014 started on 4 September 2014 in the TERI University premises. The event was inaugurated by Dr. Leena Srivastava, Vice Chancellor, TERI University, Dr. Rajiv Seth, Registrar and Dean (Admin) and Mr. Soumendu Sarkar, Faculty, Department of Policy Studies. After the lamp-lighting ceremony, a short table tennis match between the Vice Chancellor and Mr. Soumendu Sarkar was held to commemorate the beginning of the event. From there on, a host of matches of badminton, basketball, table tennis, football and carom were held within the campus, which drew huge participation from the students as well as few alumni. Cricket was held in TERI Gram, Gurgaon and saw active participation. A new event, the 400 m relay race and 100 m race for men was introduced, which involved compulsory participation of two girls per team. Prize distribution ceremony to felicitate the winners of Sports Meet was organized alongside the annual Ethnic Day celebrations of the TERI University.

Independence Day Celebrations

Venue: TERI University

Date: 13 August 2014

The students of the TERI University celebrated Independence Day on campus for the first time on 13 August 2014. The occasion was doubly special because it was the first event jointly attended by the new entrants to the University and their seniors. The afternoon started with an address by the Vice Chancellor, Dr. Leena Srivastava, welcoming the students and congratulating them for the enthusiasm with which they prepared for the Independence Day celebration.

International Youth Day

Venue: TERI University

Date: 12 August 2014

This year the TERI University celebrated the International Youth Day by planting trees. The University's Eco Club organized a tree plantation drive in collaboration with SWECHA, a non-governmental organization, on 12th August 2014 in front of the campus. Dr. Joachim Michael Schmerbeck, Assistant Professor, Department of Natural Resources inaugurated the plantation drive by planting the first sapling. Thereafter, students actively volunteered in planting several native species in the area. About 100 saplings of native species were planted during the drive namely Neem, Jamun, imli, Kachnar, Bel, Baheda, Moolshree, Arjun and Amaltas. Organic manure was added as nutrition. Neighbouring slum children also joined the plantation drive along with the TERI University students.



HAPPENINGS

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ALUMNI MEET

The alumni meet was kicked off with great fervour amongst the alumni as well as the current batch attendees with the age-old custom of TU: "Lighting the ceremonial lamp". After that, speeches were made by Dr. Leena Srivastava, Dr. Rajiv Seth and Dr. Manipadma Datta.



The TERI University Nukkad Natak Samiti (TUNNS) then presented a hilarious and rib-cracking play which had everyone from teachers to students in splits. After a sumptuous lunch, the alumni enjoyed performances lined up by the current students, which ranged from a self-composed song to an Indian Bollywood dance.



In the interactive session, many of the alumni came forward to speak up about their post-TU experiences which they had experienced in their professional lives. It was an enriching session for the audience to hear the alumni speak with newfound enthusiasm generally found at the start of any new challenging project. The Interactive session was followed by games specifically designed for, played and enjoyed thoroughly by the alumni.

The main objective of the Alumni Meet 2014 was to provide a platform for the alumni to have annual alumni meets with support from faculty and students. Reminiscence 2014 established that platform and was a stomping success.



ALUMNI SPEAK



Upkari Nath Tripathi (M. Tech. REEM, Batch of 2010-12)

When the boundaries of my mind was broken within the University boundaries and in between Class room walls. I realized it was the grace of God which gave me pathway. Respected teachers & intellectual friends made this campus a knowledge hub. The first ignition to spark my passion was driven from this campus. This is called teri university close to my heart and dreams. I am Working with South Asia's Leading Solar company TATA Power Solar and executed one of the India's biggest Solar PV Power Project. All came because foundations of my knowledge prepared with in this campus. Thanks to TERI University respected professors and batch mates

Shalini Surendra Prasad (MBA Infrastructure, Batch of 2010-12)

MBA from TERI university enables one for job requirements in Energy domain right from the day one at work which acts like an added advantage for career enhancement.



Shruti Motiwal (MBA Infrastructure Batch of 2011-13)

My journey at TERI University has been a remarkable one. TERI has got a well balanced mix of good faculty, infrastructure and extracurricular exposure. The repute and brand value of TERI in the industrial arena has helped me acquire the recognition required for my career growth as well as on the personal front. I wish the all the members and students of TERI all the best and hope that they will carry forward the pride of being associated to such a privileged organization.



Dear TERLites,

My heartiest greetings to you all!

The TERI University and the ethos it fosters have stood tall all with the passage of time. We have always taken pride in our identity as a TERI University alumnus. Myriad experiences of those golden olden days still reverberate with an unusual freshness. Time has failed to wither the sweet memories.

TERI still inspires us all, and so does a reminiscence of those days full of love and friendly warmth around. We cherish them and nourish them to keep ourselves going. We are so much a part

of it and can further our association with our alma-mater by being more visible and active through the alumni association. Our alumni association is not just a platform to relive the good past but also gives us an opportunity to experience the vibrancy of the present day TERI community.

It provides for witnessing of the subtle, yet pleasant changes from our times and also see our alma-mater from a different perspective

i.e. that of a former student and a present day professional.

The only thing that summons us from the remoteness of our busy chores of the mundane world is our love for our fraternity. We wait for such moments of togetherness, without ever telling each other how much we value it. Let us bathe in it for a while; let the heart soak itself, while it chants W. B. Yeats' immortal rhyme,

"Think where man's glory most begins and ends, and say my glory was I had such friends."
Friends, let us together raise a toast in gratitude. Thank you, and God Bless!

Ashish Nandan
President

TERI University Alumni Association

Ashish Nandan

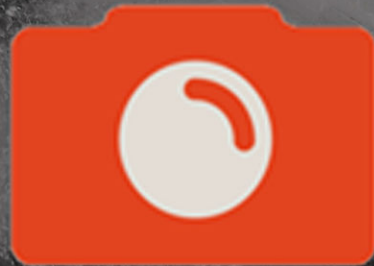
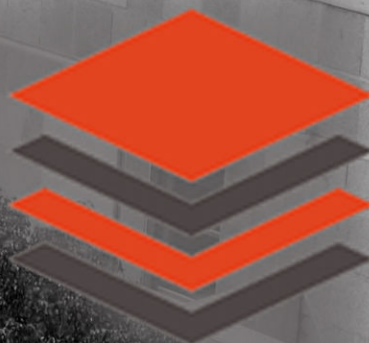




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