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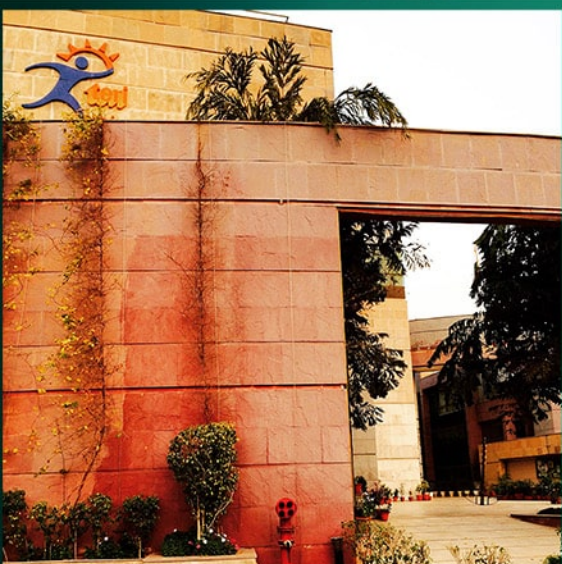
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*From The Vice  
Chancellor's Desk*

The year 2015-16 has been extremely encouraging – the world has agreed on both the Sustainable Development Goals and we also reached an agreement at the COP 21 in Paris on Climate Change! India played a constructive role towards both these processes and has also taken on some fairly ambitious commitments – particularly on moving towards a low carbon, sustainable path of development. The TERI University, all our alumni and our students current and future – are thus well poised to contribute constructively and quickly towards these goals because of the programmes and experiences that we offer!



However, the pace of change and impact that the world is seeking will require enormous parallel efforts in capacity building as well. Our Alumni have had some very diverse but very interesting exposures in various fields of engagement with sustainability transformations. The experiences and feedback from our alumni would be a most useful input to help us strengthen our academic and training offerings from the University and further build the requisite skill sets to move to a more sustainable path of development do hope that you would find a structured, constructive way of helping us to contribute to this global effort!

**Leena Srivastava**  
Vice Chancellor, TERI University  
Professor, Dept. of Policy Studies





*From The Pro-Vice  
Chancellor's Desk*

The strength of any institution is very often derived from its alumni. There is a strong bond between alumni and the alma mater which carries itself through one's life.

The TERI University now has more than a thousand alumni, and this is a sort of critical mass which can help accelerate the growth path of the University. For this reason it is very important that the alumni association of the University functions in a dynamic and proactive manner so that not only is there a bond and a network amongst the alumni themselves, but also a bond between the alumni family and the University itself. The University will be paying a lot of attention to strengthening this network and ensuring that it grows substantially in the coming few years.



Reminiscence 2016 is taking place on March 6, 2016 – I convey my best wishes for a very successful and productive meeting.

Gp. Capt. Rajiv Seth (Retd.), Ph.D.  
Pro Vice Chancellor,  
TERI University





Becoming part of your alma mater has been a real privilege. It is a great challenge though to ensure that the campus which you left years back is in fine fettle and grows in strength to strength in every aspect. I read and cherish many success stories of our alumni; these stories do speak volume of the transformative impact of TU education. There is a lot of opportunity to involve you for supporting new alumni and nurturing TU through mutually beneficial relationships. Along with your help we can build a community committed to more purposeful engagement for promoting and supporting activities of the University.



I also wish that all of you bring honour and glory to your teachers through display of highest intellectual spirit and rise up to every challenge you face.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the association office bearers for their efforts in putting together this Newsletter.

Please stay connected with the University!

Capt. Pradeep Kumar Padhy (Retd)  
Registrar,  
TERI University

*Dear TERIlites,*

On behalf of the TERI University Alumni Association (TUAA), I extend my heartiest greetings to you all. I feel privileged to be an alumna of an institution that values and actively encourages alumni to remain engaged in the day-to-day life and future of the University. Time spent in pursuit of higher education provided exposure to new ideas, people and perspectives changes the way we see ourselves, the world, and our place in it. That was certainly true of my student experience; but what I had not contemplated during my time at TERI was that our years as an alumna could be equally as impactful.

And they have been because of opportunities to stay connected with the University and with other alumni who are inquisitive, honest and engaging, and generous in their support of each other. The TUAA helps maintain connection to our alma-mater and fellow graduates, providing a forum to form new friendships and business relationships with people of similar background. Alumni are stewards of the Institution. They help nurture the University environs with their time, expertise, and enthusiasm. They provide current and prospective students with information and advice, and create opportunities for fellow alumna to meet, build relationships, and reconnect with the University. Even in the age of the online and the virtual, the institution has brought us together, and will keep bringing us back. I feel that we have every reason to be proud of our association, which also means to be proud of ourselves. I'm not clairvoyant, but I am convinced that TUAA has a long and important future ahead of it: especially if the association keeps its various facets – its mixture of professional interests, friendships, volunteerism and the desire to give something back. TUAA is recognition of TERI University's capacity to propel its past students toward lives and worlds beyond their own. I thank you for the commitment and for all it means and sustains. I wish you joy, strength, and energy ever fresh.



Thank you and God bless

*Ashish Nandan*

Ashish Nandan  
President, TUAA



## *11th Conference of Youth 2015*

**T**he 11th Conference of Youth (COY11) was held at Parc des Exposition in Paris and included talks on multidimensional change. It aimed at going further into the understanding of the climate negotiation process and at reinforcing the capacity for youth action in the field. More than two thousand young people gathered from all over the world from 26-28 November at COY11 with the sole purpose of finding concrete solutions to climate change through discussions, workshops and training. It was a youth mobilization event held prior to COP 21 which was organized by and for all young people who want to voice their views. COY's have preceded the Conference of the Parties since 2005 giving the message that today's young people are prepared to act for a more sustainable and desirable society. In 2009, young people obtained a special status as the secretary of the UNFCCC recognized youth as a real group giving them a status to not only to strengthen their presence within the negoti-

ations, but also to take part in it in the same way as other stakeholders. It served as a critical platform to address the voice of young people on climate change, which requires unprecedented international, national and local efforts.

The slogans "Nothing about us, without us" and "Make it real" were echoing as 26th November began in Paris, where the youth of all nationalities lined up in order to participate. The security barriers were strict due to the recent terror attack but a warm and inspiring atmosphere followed once we passed them. The huge space, ornamented with wooden furniture made from recycled craft, the zero waste drive and grass was peacefully invaded by the intellect of the passionate participants. The whole conference was based around the necessity for a multidisciplinary approach to the global concerns through four areas of introspection, inspiration, training and production. There were several parallel sessions organized offering the attendees the chance to approach a great variety of themes, from environmental justice to food security. I had the opportunity to meet high level speakers including the special envoy of the UN, Ahmad Alhendawi, President of COP21 and French Foreign Minister, Laurent Fabius, the founder of the NGO antiwhaling Sea Shepard, Paul Watson, the spiritual Buddhist leader, Sulak Sivaraksa, and spokesman of the UNFCCC, Nick Nuttall. Ahmad Alhendawi said "There are almost two thousand young people here today from all over the world sending a very positive message of solidarity. This message shows that we are never defeated from terrorism and we are not yet in power but we have most power."

The Manifesto served as a lobbying and engagement tool for youth groups with sets of recommendations and actions which did not limit it to themes related to COP21 but covered aspects related to climate change as considered important by the youth. It was an intriguing event which led to creative endeavors that I along with my team members, spread globally, worked on after taking into account the voices of vulnerable individuals and communities, including women, children, minorities, and indigenous peoples, through effective participation processes. When we speak about climate change, we tend to see its impacts on environment, biodiversity and atmosphere but we often neglect its human dimension. In this sense, climate change may affect a

broad range of human rights: the right to life, the right to food, the right to work, the right to health, the right to access clean water, the right to breath fresh air, the right to shelter and housing, the right to development, the right to security, the right to a healthy environment, the right to land, the right to education, as well as cultural and indigenous people's rights. More than 250 citizens from 55 different countries were divided in several working groups this. Laurent Fabius was impressed by the creativity, energy and ingenuity of the Manifesto and assured it will be included in the final agreement of COP21. I am humbled to be a part of COP21 through these submissions of 'Climate Change and Human Right Manifesto'.

Kanika Joshi, pursuing her MA in Sustainable Development Practice (Batch of 2014-16) represented the Indian Delegation at the Conference of Youth (COY11) in Paris during November, 2015.



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**Mr. Sahil Singh Kapoor**, student of MTech Urban Development and Management (UDM) programme (Batch 2014-16) presented a research paper titled "Self Sustainable Integrated Township - A Resource Base Planning to Improve the Quality of Urban Life" at the International Conference on Smart Cities held on 22 - 23 January, 2016. The event was held at the Department of Management Studies, Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi.

**Ms. Shobhana Jha and Ms. Brototi Roy**, students of MSc Economics, TERI University won the NISTADS-INSEE award and cash price of Rs 5000 for the two best articles published in popular media (newspaper or magazines) on the growth-green growth-degrowth issues. They participated in the Symposium on

**"Growth, green growth or degrowth?"**

**New critical directions for India's sustainability**

organized by INSEE, TERI University and NISTADS at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi on 12-13 September 2014.



**Rudresh Kumar Sugam**, Researcher at the Council of Energy, Environment and Water wrote an article for SARCist, the newsletter of Centre for Policy Research's (CPR), titled "Managing Water and Climate Change Risks: An Alarming Challenge Facing India's Water Security".

**Romit Sen**, alumni of 2003-05 batch from MSc Natural Resources programme was invited by Lok Sabha TV to be a panelist in their programme -Astitva. The topic of discussion was water challenges in India. The programme was aired in Hindi Bin Pani Sab Soon on 30 January 2016.



**Mr. Akhil Sood** did his MBA in Infrastructure from TU in 2014. He is now a successful entrepreneur and is the Founder of KARMABHOOMI, an open society that uses innovative ideas of Buddhist Economics and Karma-centric approaches to solve various socio-economic problems in villages of the country. They have successfully conducted solution-based development projects in places like Ladakh and Turtuk (J&K).

**Mr. Rohit Sadaphal**, Alumna of batch 2015, M. Tech Urban Development and Management programme, TERI University, now, Director, Econirmitee, which he started a year ago along with two alumni of the TERI University with an aim to help in solving waste management issues of the country, leaving jobs in elite companies. Typically an IT hub, Econirmitee, intends to bring in a culture of decentralized scientific waste processing units for local level waste management. It has started an impact-assessment of poor waste management in the Hinjewadi area of Pune. Econirmitee plans for the bio-methanation process of the waste i.e. recovering methane gas from organic waste. The segregation of the waste and processing will also be done. The focus areas of Econirmitee are construction and demolition areas of waste, floral waste, organic waste, landfill gas and carbon emissions from industries.

visit him at: <http://www.iamin.in/en/pune/news/pune-start-spreads-awareness-about-waste-segregation-71798>

**Ms. Divakshi Nayar** did her MA in Sustainable Development Practice from TERI University in 2013. She is now successfully running her own enterprise by the name Hope Collective, an e-commerce marketplace for unique products made by NGOs and Social Enterprises supporting a variety of causes. The venture aims to develop social entrepreneurship and reduces dependence of NGOs on funding by charity.

*"On a late  
Sunday Evening.."*

**T**he winters in Delhi had just marked their feet. As the night longer and the breeze gets colder in November, TERI welcomed the season with those who relished this season at TERI before. 1st November at TERI University kicked off with a friendly basketball match amongst the present students and their alumni. The enthusiastic alumni, relatively re-

laxed on a Sunday evening began shooting a few baskets to warm up, meanwhile the present batch rushed to the court, no sooner their classes concluded. The crowd had gathered all across the court, the anticipation was long, everybody was curious for the games to begin. The tournament was played across 4 teams (2 Alumni teams/ 2 Present Batch) under a knock-out stage. The winner of the two games, met for an anticipated final to pick out Teri's best basketball team. Both games featured one alumni team and other student team. While the first set of knock-out games was won by alumni, the other set was conceded by the present students. The finals were set for a thrilling contest, the anticipation was immense, and one couldn't depict the best amongst the two. The crowd was relatively balanced on both ends, the alumni's and students boosted their respective teams. What happened! Is too less to be described here! It was a nail biting thriller, in the last few minutes the alumni almost won the match by scoring a three-pointer only for an upset the next second with students responding back with another three-pointer. The game was finally won by the present students with a one point margin over alumni.

*A friendly basketball tournament was conducted on 1st November 2015 between the Alumni and students*



TERI University has by far been the best experience of my life, both personally and professionally. Speaking not just about the MBA course, but the intellectual offerings across other departments as well, I believe, its the best in its class. Courses here don't just equip you with academics, there's a human touch to it as well, which is where the concept of sustainability seeps in. TERI is not just a coalition of courses but it's also an opportunity to make oneself better

Farhan Choudhary  
MBA (Business Sustainability)  
2013-15



## Alumni Speak



TERI university has helped me grow as a person. It widened my canvas!

-Pallavi Gulati  
MA-SDP  
2013-15



Just like the renewables, the memories at TERI don't end. They remain Inexhaustible.

Sarvesh Devraj  
M. Tech. REEM  
2013-15-



Great place of learning, lovely experience. Excellent faculty.

-Sai Maanasa Koduru



**T**he persistence of overwhelming challenges of poverty, disease, climate change, and ecosystem vulnerability has been a cause for major concern to global society. The interwoven nature of these challenges, which spans across economic, socio-cultural, political and environmental realms, calls for skills sets that are attuned to complex nature of modernizing/modernized societies. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) depict these inter linkages and has tried to set some common targets for na-

tions to achieve. Such multi-faceted nature of goals call for an integrated, cross-disciplinary training to understand the inadequacies of development processes and prepare for effective problem solving or policy management.

Systems thinking and interdisciplinary approach are some of the common frames to explore sustainable development and sustainability education. At TERI University, education for sustainable development is deeply rooted in all its programmes. The programmes connect socioeconomic, political and scientific aspects using innovative pedagogical tools to transcend conventional disciplinary structures and processes towards more holistic ways of thinking. One of the flagship programmes on sustainability practices at the TERI University is the Masters Programme in Sustainable Development Practice (MA-SDP). Starting in 2010, the Master's in Sustainable Development Practice seeks to address a critical gap in Sustainable Development education in regions where such capacity creation is required the most – South and Southeast Asia. The programme aims to develop an international cadre of development professionals, well equipped to tackle, beyond cultural boundaries and across sectoral divisions, the interwoven challenges faced by the world today. The uniqueness of the programme lies in its diversity and intensive practice element (field work) that prepares the students to appreciate and operate in multi-cultural environments.

While the 5th batch is all set to graduate very soon, it is an opportune time to take a look at the difference these sustainability practitioners are making in the society. Over a 100 alumni of the MA-SDP programme at TERI University, along with the faculty, are keen to organize a one-day interaction that not just brainstorms on the new skill sets for achieving sustainable development but also highlights the achievements of the alumni.

This one day event (titled Education for Sustainable Development: the practice connect) scheduled on the 9th of April will have two panels: first panel dealing with 'Practice challenges in the context of SDGs' (represented by NGO/INGO leaders) and second panel titled 'Walking the talk' that highlights the achievement of sustainability practitioners, especially the MA-SDP alumni from India, Nepal and Afghanistan. The keynote address will highlight on the increasing relevance of sustainability concerns in the context of higher education.

Alumni and Students of Master in Sustainable Development Practice (MA-SDP)

Invite you to

**'Education for Sustainable Development: the practice connect and SDGs'**

TERI University, 10 Institutional Area, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070

**April 9th , 2016**

**AGENDA**

9:30 am-9:40 am	Welcome Address
9.45 to 10.15 am	Keynote address : Education for sustainable development
10.20 to 11.20 am	Theme Panel 1: Practicing sustainability (Suggested panelists (Two): NGO/INGO senior representatives)
11.20 am to 11.40 am	Tea Break
11.40 to 11.50 am	Brief introduction to MA-SDP programme
11.50 am to 1.30 pm	Theme Panel 2: Walking the Talk Three group-presentations by alumni(10 minutes each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Group 1: Budding entrepreneurs</li><li>• Group 2: Grassroot experiences</li><li>• Group 3 (two presentations by Skype): Gaining international grounds: SDP alumni experience in Afghanistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Africa</li></ul> Comments by panelists and interactive session
1.30 pm to 2.00 pm	Lunch
2.00 pm to 4.00 pm	Alumni Reconnect and Reliving memories: Cultural event and interactions (will be open to international alumni through skype)
4:30 pm to 5:00 pm	High Tea

The event will also provide an opportunity for the alumni to display innovative initiatives through visuals/poster presentations. The audience will be open to college teachers and students of Delhi University Colleges, who may find this relevant in the context of global discourse on sustainability and SDGs.

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**E**arth's unique qualities make life possible on this planet. But today, the world's green mantle is disappearing fast. The pace of extinction has accelerated dramatically in recent times as a result of human activity. Whatever we do for the environment today is neither service nor a great achievement. It is a matter of our own survival and well-being. By taking small remedial steps today we can make a big difference tomorrow, in our own lives and that of others. GreenEdu is a small step in this direction.

GreenEdu is a startup organization working in the area of Environment Education. Through its capacity-building programmes and workshops, it seeks to educate, help develop necessary skills to resolve day-to-day environmental problems, enhance awareness and help people become responsible citizens. Using play-way teaching methods, GreenEdu engages actively with students, teachers, NGOs, practitioners and interested individuals in both rural and urban areas to promote holistic environment education. Our programmes include:

*Environmental Action Projects:* Teachers are trained to assist students carry out environmental action projects in their schools. These projects help students learn how to write, think critically, collaborate and solve problems creatively—skills critical for success beyond school.

*Capacity-building Workshops:* Our workshops are student-centric and theme-based covering issues like biodiversity, water, waste management, health, hygiene and sanitation. Using play-way methods students are sensitized to environmental issues.

*As-You-Need Programmes:* Need-based programmes can be designed for schools/educational institutions/N-NGOs/ Practitioners/Interested individuals for short and long-term learning depending on the requirement.



**GreenEdu**

For more information please visit our website: <http://www.greenedu.org.in> or write to us at [mangaladubey01@gmail.com](mailto:mangaladubey01@gmail.com) and we'll be happy to assist you

## **"FREEZE YOUR SLOTS"**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS AT TERI UNIVERSITY**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>CATEGORY</b>
March 31st - 1st April	<b>BIOTIKOS</b>	Academic Business Conclave
April 5th	<b>PRAVAAH 2016</b>	Departmental Event Cultural Fest
April 6th	<b>SWASH</b>	Academic
April 7th-8th	<b>Seminar on Qualitative Research Methods for Inter-Disciplinary Research</b>	Academic
April 18th-22nd	<b>BLISS</b>	Academic
April 22nd-23rd	<b>National Conference on Geogenic Contaminants in Groundwater</b>	Academic

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