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TERI UNIVERSITY
WELCOMES ITS
NEW CHANCELLOR

The Governing Council of TERI appointed Shri Ashok Chawla as the new Chancellor of the University for a period of five years. He is also the Chairman of TERI. Shri Chawla is a distinguished retired civil servant; his vast experience includes tenures as Chairman of Competition Commission of India (CCI) and permanent Secretary at the Ministries of Finance, Economic Affairs and Civil Aviation. He held several significant assignments such as Chairman and MD of IPCL, Director at ONGC, Economic Counselor in the Indian Embassy in USA, Head of Sardar Sarovar Narmada multi-purpose project, Executive Director IFAD and Alternate Governor at World Bank and ADB.

### **TU NEWS**

# MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (MDP) ON ALTERNATE ENERGY SOURCES AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY 8-9 AUGUST 2016

A two-day Management Development Programme (MDP) on 'Alternate Energy Sources and Energy Efficiency' was jointly organized by TERI University and TERI. Participants were representing a wide range of sectors/industries that were interested in renewable energy as the future energy source in India. During the programme participants learnt about alternative sources of energy and their application, energy economics, and market development issues for both renewable energy and energy efficiency, and potential for developing energy efficiency, and green buildings. All participants were awarded a certificate of participation.





### **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

The Department of Natural Resources, TERI University is organizing its first ever International Conference on Urban Geoinformatics from 22-23 **February 2017.** The conference will provide a platform to share and discuss the advancements in geospatial technologies in urban and related disciplines. It will serve as a platform for researchers, professionals, and students from around the world for acquiring knowledge and sharing experience with people in the field of Urban Geoinformatics and related disciplines. Original research conducted in the arena of Geographic Information System (GIS), Remote Sensing (RS), and Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) in urban context is invited for presentation in ICUG-2017. The authors are requested to identify suitable theme or sub-theme based on their research relevance and submit their work for consideration. Last date for submission of abstracts is 1 November 2016. For more information please visit http://icug.teriuniversity.ac.in/.

### INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

### 15 AUGUST 2016

Students of TERI University celebrated the 70th Independence Day both at the TERI University and TERI office. The fortnight long celebrations commenced on 12 August 2016, with a talk by Dr Rajiv Seth, Pro Vice Chancellor, followed by an enthralling musical performance by Music Club students leaving the audience spell bound and captivated. Students of the Dramatics club presented a skit on social issues, such as corruption, women empowerment, etc. followed by an upbeat medley of dance performances at TERI office.

On 15 August 2016, Dr Leena Srivastava, Vice-Chancellor, TERI University, hoisted the National Flag at the University Campus. Faculty, staff, students, and family members gathered to participate in the function and sang the National Anthem.







### TRAINING PROGRAMME ON 'TURNITIN'-ANTI-PLAGIARISM SOFTWARE"

### 17 AUGUST 2016

TERI University library organized a sensitization training programme for students on 'TURNITIN—antiplagiarism software.' TURNITIN is an Internet-based plagiarism-prevention service that allows quick and effective checks to all research work in a fraction of time necessary to scan a few suspects' papers using a

search engine. It checks for potential unoriginal content by comparing submitted papers to several databases using a proprietary algorithm. It scans its own databases, and also has licensing agreements with large academic proprietary databases. The programme was very informative and relevant for TU students.

### LAUNCH OF THE ECONOMICS SEMINAR SERIES: URBAN DEPRIVATION AND ITS CORRELATES IN SLUMS OF THREE INDIAN METRO CITIES: MONETARY VS. MULTIDIMENSIONAL APPROACH

### 17 AUGUST 2016

The first of the Economics Seminar Series was held on 17 August 2016. Dr Sugata Bag, Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, presented a paper on 'Urban Deprivation and its Correlates in Slums of Three Indian Metro Cities: Monetary Vs. Multidimensional Approach,' coauthored with Prof. Suman Seth, Economics Division, Leeds University Business School. Primary household survey data from the slums of three metro cities in India was used to study the slum deprivations as well as the associated household level characteristics.

# WASH 2016—SUMMER SCHOOL ON CHANGING SANITATION AND HYGIENE BEHAVIOUR FOR OVERALL PUBLIC HEALTH RISK REDUCTION

### 17-19 AUGUST 2016

The second United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Summer School on Urban Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) on the theme 'Changing Sanitation and Hygiene Behaviour for Overall Public Health Risk Reduction—Towards a Swachh Bharat', was successfully organized from 17–19 August 2016 in Kolkata. The workshop was organized by TERI



University and TERI, in partnership with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and Coca-Cola Foundation. Mr Craig L Hall, Consul General, US Consulate in Kolkata; Mr Anand Rudra Senior Project Management Specialist-WASH, USAID, New Delhi; Ms Faustina Gomez, SBM-National PMU, Ministry of Urban Development, New Delhi, were part of the inaugural session. The programme highlighted behavioural change towards improving existing sanitation and hygiene situation in urban India and multifaceted risks related to suboptimal sanitation and hygiene practices. Fifty-two participants representing 11 municipalities, seven government organizations, eight educational institutions, and two NGOs attended the programme.

### SCHOOL-UNIVERSITY NETWORK WORKSHOP

### 19 AUGUST 2016

As part of the School-University Network (SUN) programme a one-day workshop was organized on 19 August 2016 for students of Loreto Convent School, New Delhi. The SUN programme collaborates with higher secondary school students of both class 11th and 12th to various facets of sustainability issues. TERI University's masters and doctoral students act as trainers, receiving guidance from its faculty members under this programme.



UNIVERSITY LECTURE
SERIES: TALK ON 'RIGHTSBASED APPROACH
TO PUBLIC POLICIES'
BY ANANTA KUMAR
GIRI, PROFESSOR,
MADRAS INSTITUTE OF
DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

### 22 AUGUST 2016

Prof. Ananta Giri's talk on 'Rights-based Approach to Public Policies' in the University Lecture Series broadly discussed the following: (a) human rights as a theoretical construct to negotiate the extremes of universalism and particularism in public policies. These negotiations, in his opinion were often contextualised in the hierarchical solidarities in India. (b) His detailed discussions with the participants, furthermore, were focused on the urgent need for indigenous scholarship to engage the policy complexities.

# EXPERT LECTURE ON 'WATER QUALITY MODELLING OF ANAEROBIC RIVERS' BY PROFESSOR WU SENG FROM UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA VIA SKYPE 23 AUGUST 2016

Prof. Wu Seng, from the University of Virginia delivered a lecture on Water Quality Modelling of Natural Water Systems and Anaerobic Rivers. The lecture highlighted the importance of understanding how governing equations in water quality model are applied to study multiple parameter patterns, such as eutrophication, toxic substances, fecal coliforms, and temperature of discharge water. Prof. Seng explained the impact of current and projected land use changes on the water quality in a watershed and stressed the importance of carrying out these studies for polluted river basins of India like the Ganges and Yamuna. Students of the Department of Water Science and Governance and Department of Natural Resources attended the lecture and actively participated in the discussions later.

### LAUNCH OF MINI-BLISS SCHOOLS ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT 23 AUGUST 2016

TERI University (TU) with support from United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the European Union launched a series of Mini-BLISS Schools (short-duration interactive workshops) on sustainable development on 23 August 2016. Sustainable Development concepts will be introduced in 30 low-income public schools of Delhi and Hyderabad through these Schools, aiming to provide exposure to around 900 students and teachers. The sessions at these Mini-BLISS Schools will be led by the postgraduate and PhD scholars of TERI University. A kit including solar lanterns by TERI will be given to each student for access to renewable energy and lighting sources at their homes and for schoolwork.





### LAUNCH OF SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION COURSE 23 AUGUST 2016

In a first, TERI University launched a course on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) and Resource Efficiency as part of its efforts to promote sustainability in a developing country. The course, which is part of MA Public Policy and Sustainable Development programme offered by the University, is meant for government policy makers and graduate students to help



them learn about strengthening public governance for SCP. In partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and with support from the European Union, the University aims to enhance learning on SCP, which is part of the Sustainable Development Goals in 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

## INSTITUTIONAL SEMINAR ON 'BEYOND THE RESOURCE CURSE: RESOURCE DEPENDENCE, INTER-GENERATIONAL EQUITY AND GOVERNANCE' 24 AUGUST 2016

Institutional Seminar on 'Beyond the Resource Curse: Resource Dependence, Intergenerational Equity and Governance' was delivered by Mr Rahul Basu, Goenchi Mati Movement and a Member of Goa Foundation.

### VISITS

# VISIT OF DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE US DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY—DR ELIZABETH SHERWOOD-RANDALL

### 29 AUGUST 2016

Dr Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall, Deputy Secretary, US Department of Energy, visited TERI University on 29 August 2016 and had an interactive discussion on "Securing Energy for Sustainable Global Development," with students.



### VISIT OF MR DICK VAN BEERS

### 30 AUGUST 2016

Evaluator Mr Dick van Beers visited TERI University from 30-31 August 2016 to identify the progress and policy impact of the activities under the Small-Scale Funding Agreement (SSFA). The SSFA between TERI University and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) enables implementation of specific awareness raising and policy support activities in India. Through this partnership, the specific agreement outputs will contribute to increased capacities and integration of Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) to ensure behavioral change in India's and South Asia's future policymakers.





### **PUBLICATIONS**

### Shresth Tayal (Faculty) and Swati Singh (PhD Scholar), TERI University, New Delhi

Published article titled, 'To Prevent Recurrent Monsoon Flooding that brings India's Metro Cities to a Halt: Adopt the Watershed Approach', in The Times of India on 4 August 2016.

### Shalini Bhutani, Alumni, MA Public Policy and Sustainable Development, TERI University, New Delhi

Published article titled 'Checking the Pulse of India's Dal Farmers', in The Wire, online newspaper, on 28 July 2016.

#### Sapna A Narula, Faculty, TERI University, New Delhi

Published paper titled 'Off-grid Electricity Interventions for Cleaner Livelihoods: a case study of value chain development in Dhenkanal district of Odisha', in Journal of Cleaner Production; 27 July 2016; doi:10.1016/j.jclepro.2016.07.176

### Saurabh Motiwala and Sarvesh Devraj, Alumni, MTech Renewable Energy Engineering and Management programme, TERI University, New Delhi

Published paper titled 'Steam Cooking System at Dayalbagh Institute in Agra, UP', in SUN FOCUS; a quarterly magazine on Concentrated Solar Heat (CSH) Vol.3, Issue 4, April–June 2016; pp 16.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION**

Mr Soudipan Maity, student of MTech REEM, TERI University won the third prize in Digital Photography Competition organized by TERI as part of Independence Day celebrations for Vidyasagar Setu, Kolkata. The theme for this year was 'Colours of India'.



### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### **BLOCK YOUR CALENDAR!**

S.No	Event	Dates	Contact Person
1.	Short-term training programme on "Applied Economic Tools and Techniques for Managing Environmental Resources"	3–5 October 2016	Dr Sukanya Das /Dr Gopal Sarangi Email: sukanya.das@teriuniversity.ac.in gopal.sarangi@teriuniversity.ac.in
2.	Young Researchers' South Asian Symposium on SDGs 2016	6-8 October 2016	Dr Chubamenla Jamir Email: <i>Chubamenla.Jamir@teriuniversity.ac.in</i>

### **About TERI University**

The TERI University was established to disseminate the vast reservoir of knowledge devised by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), a not-for-profit, independent research institute recognized globally for its contribution to scientific and policy research in the realms of energy, environment, and sustainable development. The TERI University's academic offering is rooted in the comprehensive research, consultancy, and outreach activities of TERI.

In 1999, the University was granted the 'Deemed to be University' status by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and notified vide the Ministry of Human Resources Development, Department of Education, Government of India, notification no. F.9/19/95-U-3, dated October 5, 1999. Since its inception, the TERI University has offered not just world-class education, but also an environment that enables its students to develop fresh perspective in their subject areas. Before moving to Vasant Kunj, the University was

housed in the Darbari Seth Block of India Habitat Centre from 1998 to 2008. In 2008, the University started functioning from its new 'green campus', located in Vasant Kunj.

TERI University aspires to be an institution of advance learning, which meets the needs of a rapidly growing India. The academic programmes are envisioned to provide the students with a holistic perspective of the subjects offered and encourage interdisciplinary learning.



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