PM to inaugurate summit on resource development

New Delhi, Jan 25:
The 13th edition of The Energy and Resources Institute’s (TERI) is all set to witness focussed discussions among global leaders on resource-efficient growth, climate change and protection of natural resources.
The three-day summit, which will be held at Hotel Taj Palace in New Delhi from 31 January to 2 February this year, is themed 'The Global Challenge of Resource-Efficient Growth and Development’—one of the most pressing challenges facing the world today. According to a media release issued by TERI, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, will be officially raising the curtain on the DSDS this year. Pushing the agenda for sustainable growth, the TERI release said that the summit aims to provide an efficient platform for thought leaders and policy makers to discuss effective policy mechanisms to reduce the energy and resource footprint.
The summit seeks to not only build a global consensus to protect natural resources, but also to explore innovative solutions to boost efficient practices and minimise unsustainable consumption patterns.
Highlighting the summit’s role in framing the global agenda, R K Pachauri, Director-General, TERI, said: ‘Sustainable development as a concept was popularised by the Brundtland Commission, but hardly received attention from influential world leaders till very recently. DSDS was launched in 2001 with foresight on the crucial importance of converting this concept into worldwide practice. Over the years with the involvement of world leaders from every section of human endeavour, sustainable development has moved from a concept to policies and programmes in different parts of the globe. DSDS has been an important instrument in bringing about this change.’
The 13th edition of the widely popular summit will feature luminaries from more than 35 countries, including Donald Ramotar, President of Guyana; James Alix Michel, President, Seychelles; Anote Tong, President, Republic of Kiribati; Tarja Halonen, Former President, Finland; Haruhiko Kuroda, President, Asian Development Bank; Donald Kaberuka, President, African Development Bank; and Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, President, sixty-sixth session of the UN General Assembly among others.