



सत्यमेव जयते

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Prime Minister

**MESSAGE**

It gives me immense pleasure to know that The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) is organizing the Delhi Sustainable Development Summit (DSDS) 2014 from February 6-8, 2014 at New Delhi.

The theme for DSDS 2014, 'Attaining Energy, Water and Food Security for All' touches upon the very core of sustainable development. Rapidly expanding populations, increasing urbanization and growing prosperity have put enormous pressure on global resources and have made our task of securing energy, water and food for all a daunting one.

During the past century, while global population has tripled, our use of water has increased six-fold. Moreover, the quality of available water is gradually deteriorating due to uncontrolled human activities. On the food front, there are serious challenges with every eighth soul suffering from chronic hunger. Energy is the most critical input in unlocking human potential. However, large sections of poor people are still deprived of access to energy. Water, food and energy are intrinsically inter-related. Therefore, we need increased collaboration among experts of these sectors belonging to diverse geographies.

If policy makers, experts, academics and business leaders share their knowledge and experiences, we can evolve sustainable solutions to the most pressing challenges that the world is facing today.

I am sure that DSDS 2014 would provide such a platform. I hope that implementable policies for universal energy, water and food security would emerge from these deliberations.

I wish all success to these deliberations.

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