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PLENARY | SPECIAL SESSION



Venue: Stein Auditorium

TERI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ON VISIONARY INSTITUTION BUILDING

Speakers:

- Dr Priyanka Kochhar, President, TERI Alumni Association
- Dr Saroj Pachauri, Public Health Expert
- Dr Veena Joshi, TAA Member
- Dr Akanksha Chaurey, Director, IT Power Private Limited
- Dr Ash Pachauri, Founder, POP Movement
- Dr Rajiv Chhibber, Vice President, Sahajanand Medical Technologies Ltd
- Dr Vibha Dhawan, Director General, TERI

This session was organized by TERI Alumni Association. The discussion delved into the aspects of visionary institution building. It reflected on how TERI, as an organization, was ahead of the knowledge curve and contributed to shaping and driving sustainability actions even before the term sustainability became popular. The discussion attempted to create a roadmap for knowledge institutions to achieve the present climate goals. ■



DR ASH PACHAURI
Founder, POP Movement

“Dad’s vision was that the 1.8 billion youth of the world must take knowledge-inspired action to protect our planet and that’s how the POP movement was born.”



DR AKANKSHA CHAUREY
Director, IT Power Private Limited

“Under the leadership of Dr Pachauri, TERI was ahead of its curve. In 2008, when Dr Pachauri asked me to start a programme on solar lantern, words such as energy access and sustainable energy for all were not even coined. He knew that 1.2 billion people have no access to electricity, and at that time, the magnitude of the problem was not even recognized, but TERI had that vision to target that project.”



DR SAROJ PACHAURI
Public Health Expert

“When he (Dr Pachauri) started, he started in a small room in Jor Bagh with nothing. With a lot of hard work, a lot of sweat, he built a world-class institution which TERI is today”



DR RAJIV CHHIBBER
Vice President, Sahajanand Medical Technologies Ltd

“Today, when we hear our global leaders talk about Viksit Bharat or Bharat@100, those were things that TERI envisioned way beyond its time.”

PLENARY LEADERSHIP PANEL

Venue: Stein Auditorium

INFRASTRUCTURE, RESILIENCE AND OCEANS; LAUNCH OF NCOEGPS PORTAL

Ministerial Address:

- **H.E. Mr Vatimi Rayalu**, Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Waterways, Fiji
- **H.E. Mr Virginijus Sinkevicius**, European Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries European Commission (video message)

Leadership Address

- **Prof. Celeste Saulo**, Secretary-General, World Meteorological Organization (video message)

Interactive Discussions

- **H.E. Ms May-Elin Stener**, Norwegian Ambassador to India
- **Mr Amit Prothi**, Director General, Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure
- **Ms Shloka Nath**, CEO, India Climate Collaborative
- **Mr Himanshu Shekhar Mishra**, Senior Editor, NDTV India

Chair

- **Dr Vibha Dhawan**, Director General, TERI

The session saw many experts talking about efforts their organization has taken towards climate change impacts including climate change extreme events and those particularly taken in the maritime sector and for sustainability of oceans. The representation at the session was diverse with the Minister of Fiji talking about how climate change has posed a problem in Fiji's infrastructure, food and nutritional security, top soil erosion, etc. He called for enhancement of coastal ecosystem like mangroves, seagrass, coastal reef, and also stressed that collaborations are required through South-South cooperation.

Representative from EU and WMO pointed out the need for collaboration and EU's role in sharing good practices. Several bilateral initiatives between India and Norway were also discussed and how these two countries have shared knowledge in terms of technology transfer, manufacturing, financing, etc. Representative from CDRI pointed out the need for incorporation of disaster planning into financial

planning, i.e., the need to plan for a future disaster in the initial investment phase of any project and the need for building holistic resilience of the entire system—not just ports but also the connected logistics. There is also a need for incorporating grant capital/philanthropic capital into financing projects, taking up digital solutions and making donations to funds such as loss and damage more accessible to everyone. ■



H.E. MR VATIMI RAYALU
Minister Ministry of Agriculture and Waterways, Fiji

“Recognizing the urgency to act, Fiji has set its ambitious targets as part of its nationally determined contributions including transitioning to nearly 100% renewable energy-based grid conducted power by 2030”



H.E. MR VIRGINIJUS SINKEVICIUS
European Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries, European Commission

“We need to accelerate ocean action and turn challenges into opportunities; opportunities for the ocean economy, opportunities to create jobs and support communities while protecting the fragile ocean ecosystems.”



PROF. CELESTE SAULO
Secretary-General, World Meteorological Organization

“Despite increasing extreme events, WMO and its partners' efforts have helped to reduce mortality from disasters over the years.”



H.E. MS MAY-ELIN STENER
Norwegian Ambassador to India

“Indian shipyards are delivering autonomous zero emissions vessels to Norwegian partners and it is perfect example of maritime cooperation.”



MR AMIT PROTHI
Director General, Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure

“Annual asset loss through disasters is of the order of 300–350 billion dollars and it further increases up on adding the effects on services.”



MR HIMANSHU SHEKHAR MISHRA
Senior Editor, NDTV India

“Climate change is running much faster than we are.”

Venue: Stein Auditorium

PROTECTING NATURE AND ECOSYSTEMS – TOWARDS INTEGRATED APPROACHES

Moderated Discussions

- **Prof. Jeffrey D Sachs**, University Professor; Director, Center for Sustainable Development in the Earth Institute, Columbia University (virtual)
- **Dr Erik Solheim**, Sixth Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme; former Norwegian Minister (virtual)
- **Mr Avinash Persaud**, Special Envoy to the Prime Minister of Barbados (video message)
- **Ms Temina Lalani-Shariff**, Regional Director, CGIAR
- **Dr Yash Veer Bhatnagar**, Country Representative, International Union for Conservation of Nature
- **Ms Bahar Dutt**, Environment Journalist and Conservation Biologist
- **Mr Rajiv Tikoo**, Consulting Editor (Sustainability), Outlook Group
- **Mr Ranjit Barthakur**, Founder & President, Balipara Foundation

Moderator

Ms Jayashree Nandi, Environment and Climate Correspondent, Hindustan Times

Plenary Segment 2

Launch of the Policy Brief - Enhancing Industrial Water Use Efficiency

- **Dr Vibha Dhawan**, Director General, TERI
- **Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat**, Hon'ble Union Minister, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India
- **Mr Anshuman**, Senior Fellow and Director, Water Resources



The plenary session titled, “Leadership Panel: Protecting Nature and Ecosystems – Towards Integrated Approaches” revolved around problems, solutions and perspectives that are required so as to lead us to integrated approaches for protecting nature, ecosystems with people at centre and not

neglecting the economic and financial aspects. It is the debate of striking a balance between environment and development. The eminent panel touched upon various aspects ranging from nature, ecosystems and protected areas, market systems and need of finance, limitations of traditional financial systems, social

norms and their impact, renewable energy and its expansion, to having robust planning and anticipating future trends and priorities, about accessibility and inclusivity for stakeholders, need and requirement of credible data, informed and evidence-based policy development, need for convergence, of not



PROF. JEFFREY D SACHS

University Professor; Director, Center for Sustainable Development in the Earth Institute, Columbia University

“ Ecosystem protection requires regional cooperation because every major ecosystem cuts across national boundaries. ”



SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT

Hon'ble Union Minister, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India

“ TERI has contributed and worked along with the Ministry of Jal Shakti for the sustainable water supply and expects the work to continue in future as well. ”



MS BAHAR DUTT

Environment Journalist and Conservation Biologist

“ We blame everything on climate change but we are not taking responsibility for the skewed development policies that we have in place and how we correct these. ”



DR VIBHA DHAWAN

Director General, TERI

“ We need to set up water use benchmarks for various kinds of industries. ”



DR ERIK SOLHEIM

Sixth Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme; former Norwegian Minister

“ When we do renewables, we need to do it in a people-centred way and have a very detailed level of planning as the main constraint for solar and wind is land. ”



MR AVINASH PERSAUD

Special Envoy to the Prime Minister of Barbados

“ The world is suffering from the actions of small minority who put their interest above the planet health and the poorest are bearing the brunt of the damage. ”



setting accountability and blaming climate change for all our problems, about having myopic approaches, about approaches like naturenomics, mainstreaming environmental evaluation and being at par with financial balance sheet, incentivizing the most vulnerable and bottom of pyramid. These all were shared and discussed through their personal experiences and real life examples. As an extension to the plenary was a brief message during the launch of the policy brief, "Enhancing Industrial Water Use Efficiency". ■

16TH CONVOCATION CEREMONY



16TH CONVOCATION CEREMONY OF TERI SCHOOL OF ADVANCED STUDIES

The 16th convocation of TERI School of Advanced Studies (TSAS) was held at the World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS), 2024. The Chief Guest for the day was Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India, who implored students and all those present to continuously upgrade and upskill towards sustainability. Dr Shailesh Nayak, Chancellor, TERI SAS, while awarding 230 masters degrees and 18 doctoral degrees, advised students to be sincere and mature individuals contributing towards growth of nation. Thanking Prof. Sood for his enthralled and motivating speech Prof. Arun Kansal, Officiating Vice-Chancellor, TERI SAS spoke about the legacy that TERI SAS carries as an institute and how it's the collective responsibility of all including the outgoing students to add new feathers to the institute's cap.