

NEWS RELEASE

TCP 'India' chapter comes into being

A joint initiative of JSW Foundation & TERI

New Delhi, 15th March, 2008: JSW Foundation with support from Mr. Al Gore and Dr. R K Pachauri is proud to announce the establishment of the Indian chapter of 'The Climate Project'.

In the words of Mrs. Sangita Jindal, Chairperson, JSW Foundation & TCP-India, "The JSW foundation is proud to be associated with TCP India. Through our own work with rural communities on energy and water management and our recent sponsorship of The Earth Care Awards, we recognize the pressing need and the great opportunity to promote a greener, low carbon future. I hope not only to support this organization but also to learn from it so that greener principles can be incorporated into the broader JSW group. We thank Mr. Gore and Dr. Pachauri for their kind patronage and look forward to working with them."

TCP-India is being set-up to spread the TCP message further by organizing opportunities for TCP trainees to address a broader base of Indian society (e.g., school/ university visits, industry conventions etc.). It is imperative that the messages from the TCP workshop be scaled up to make a meaningful impact in this vast country. The need is to create skills capacity that can help build a greener and carbon friendly future. This will be supported by an informative and constantly updated website for supporting trainees.

It will involve developing a 'green curriculum' to support existing training/ education by partnering with Universities and relevant technical experts. TCP-India will also create and deliver training on practical ways to lower business/ individual emissions. This Training will target practitioners and students in areas such as Engineering, Architecture and Management.

To fulfill the above tasks, partnerships with key research organizations and businesses that have developed in-house expertise on mitigation, such as TERI, would be set-up.

The core team working on developing this initiative includes, Dr. Utpal Mukhopadhyay as Director, Mr. Gaurav Gupta as Deputy Director and Mr. Mukund Gorakshkar as Social Development Specialist, respectively.

TCP-India will be an independent body with a skills based advisory board to lend expertise and advice to the staff. It has received generous funding and in-kind support from the JSW Foundation to help establish itself.

About TCP

A nonprofit organization based in Nashville, The Climate Project (TCP) supports Mr. Gore's efforts in promoting climate change activism globally. It began operations in June 2006 with the mission of increasing public awareness of the climate crisis at a grassroots level in the United States and abroad. The Climate Project's essence lies in the commitment, dedication, and passion of presenters to educate, encourage, and promote dialogue about climate change as well as potential solutions.

In several countries where training sessions have been held, TCP has set-up local chapters to help delegates' spread the message and take up informed actions within their communities.

About JSW Foundation

The JSW Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the JSW Group. Its core focus areas are Community Development with the emphasis on livelihood, Conservation of Art and Cultural Heritage, Rural sports promotion and Environmental Conservation. Its Earth Care initiatives include among others, an Award for industry and community groups in climate change mitigation and adaptation and promotion of electric cars.

About The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)

A dynamic and flexible organization with a global vision and a local focus, TERI was established in 1974. While in the initial period the focus was mainly on documentation and information dissemination activities, research activities in the fields of energy, environment and sustainable development were initiated towards the end of 1982. The genesis of these activities lay in TERI's firm belief that efficient utilization of energy, sustainable use of natural resources, large-scale adoption of renewable energy technologies and reduction of all forms of waste would move the process of development towards the goal of sustainability.

All activities in TERI move from formulating local and national level strategies to suggesting global solutions to critical energy and environment-related issues. It is with this purpose that TERI has established regional centres in Bangalore, Goa, and Guwahati, and a presence in Japan, Malaysia, Russia, and the United Arab Emirates. It has also set up affiliate institutes: TERI-NA (The Energy and Resources Institute, North America) Washington DC, USA, and TERI-Europe, London, UK.

In this world of increasing globalization and buoyed by optimism generated by the success of the Indian economy, TERI moves forward to meet the challenges of the future through the pursuit of excellence embedded in its visionary charter. There are nine research divisions within TERI -

- § Policy Analysis Division
- § Energy-Environment Technology Division
- § Environmental and Industrial Biotechnology Division
- § Biotechnology and Management of Bioresources Division
- § Regulatory Studies and Governance Division
- § Action Programmes Division
- § Information Technology and Services Division
- § Sustainable Development Outreach Division
- § Technology Transfer Division

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A Master's in International & Development Economics from Yale University and a Bachelor's in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from the University of Oxford, he is an integral part of the team at the helm of affairs at TCP-India as Deputy Director.

He will be working towards a sustainable future for all by helping promote the message of 'The Climate Project' and in the process hoping to change people's outlook towards environment protection.

Prior to moving into this position, he was with the Boston Consulting Group for six years as Project Leader. He brings with him rich global experience gathered over the years in several strategic responsibilities shouldered at BCG, wherein he has been responsible for several critical projects ranging from post merger integration of large Insurer and Retail Bank, Growth strategy for large Australian healthcare company, to valuations and acquisition strategy for Australian retailer. He was also responsible for setting up The Cape York Institute, a leading Australian Think Tank on Aboriginal Policy.

Gaurav is a director of an award winning eco-resort in Australia.