

# TERI commemorates World Environment Day with a Felicitation Ceremony for Winners of GO4Youth

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**I**NDIA harbours the world's largest youth population, accounting for the larger share of the working-age population worldwide between 2020 and 2030. Connecting with the younger generation is important as they learn about sustainability and the environment to nurture an environment-conscious future citizenry and decision-makers. Since formally adopting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2015, governments and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) have urged youth to participate meaningfully in decision-making. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and Mission LiFE, promoted by the Government of India, are

also aligning novel experiments in the field of Environment Education (EE) to promote youth consciousness about environment protection and the adoption of sustainability in thought, action, and impact.

Aligning with the same, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi, conducts an annual environment Olympiad for schools and youth aged 18-25 years enrolled in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in India. This Olympiad promotes interdisciplinary learning and catalyses youth behavioural changes, thereby ensuring holistic development.

GREEN Olympiad, one of the leading flagship programmes of TERI, is designed innovatively to test students' knowledge levels regarding environmental and sustainable development issues. GREEN Olympiad enriches interdisciplinary knowledge, skills, and eco-values necessary for achieving sustainable development. The information gained through participation in this Olympiad is translated into environment improvement activities at the school level. Over the last two decades, GO for schools has evolved as an asset of immense academic potential.

A felicitation ceremony on 5 June 2024 at TERI, Habitat Centre, coinciding with World Environment Day, celebrated the exemplary achievements of young participants who have demonstrated dedication towards sustainability and environmental stewardship. The programme was held