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Message from Mr K R Narayanan

The Hon'ble President of India

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भारत गणतंत्र
PRESIDENT
REPUBLIC OF INDIA

MESSAGE

To achieve our national goal of sustainable development and growth, it is vital to create more widespread awareness among the people on the need to preserve and protect our natural habitat and environment.

I am glad to learn that TERI is organizing a Conference on "Growth with Resource Enhancement of Environment and Natura (GREEN INDIA 2047)" at New Delhi in August, 1997. I extend my greetings on this occasion and wish the Conference all success.

Narayanan K.R.
(K.R. NARAYANAN)

New Delhi

July 29, 1997

2 August 1997

Message from Mr I K Gujral

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India
New Delhi

Sustainable development is an objective which we are striving for the world over. The challenge before us is to identify meaningful strategies and workable action plans aimed at bringing about the necessary changes in the industrial and agricultural production patterns, utility services, consumer behaviour, and lifestyle of people keeping in view our social and development priorities.

In the fiftieth year of our independence, it is heartening that TERI, with the active support of twelve Indian companies, has produced a document which has attempted to link the state of India's current and future environment to the nature and scope of our development policies. I trust that the learning acquired through this project will get translated into concrete plans of action to balance growth with equity. The incorporation of environmental sustainability as a corporate goal by the twelve companies sponsoring this project is an expression of their social consciousness and long-term commitment to sustainable growth with equity.

I convey my good wishes to the organizers and sponsors of GREEN India 2047.

6 September 1997

Message from Mr Purno A Sangma

Speaker, *Lok Sabha*

Of the 18 biodiversity hot spots in the world, two happen to be located in India, namely in the North-East and the Western Ghats. These areas are very rich in diverse species of flora and fauna, most of which are endemic, but face grave threats from our current pattern of development. It is widely accepted that the health of our forests and biodiversity has a direct bearing on the long-term growth of our economy.

An elaborate institutional framework needs to be put in place to realize the goal of sustainable management of natural resources—by our industry, by households, and by our farms. The extent of pollution, the levels of production efficiencies employed by the industry, and our consumption patterns have a dominant role to play in the current levels of degradation of our precious natural resources.

It is heartening to know of the GREEN India 2047 project of TERI, which has assessed in detail the extent and degree of the degradation of our natural resources as a result of the resource-intensive development policies.

I am sure that appropriate mechanisms will be established to realize the noble objectives of this comprehensive exercise which would help in the establishment of a true democracy—politically, economically, and environmentally.

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