

**7.3 Institutional Distinctiveness** [Provide the details of the performance of the institution in one area distinctive to its vision, priority and thrust. Provide the weblink of the institution in not more than 500 words]

“To accelerate the transition towards a more sustainable world through the creation of knowledge and human capacity. To be a globally recognized deemed University in the sphere of sustainability studies” states the Vision of TERI SAS. The importance of reaching out to the wider world was recognised, to further the vision. To that effect faculty members are encouraged to engage in outreach activities and document their efforts on the website. <https://terisas.ac.in/events.php> deposits all such endeavors. The endeavours continued notwithstanding the challenges posed by the pandemic.

Some examples follow:

<b>Details of the event</b>	<b>Link</b>
In association with Skilling You, on July 13, 2020 Manipadma Datta spoke in an interactive session on 'Higher Education Challenges: In Search of a Sustainable System'. The focus was on the challenges posed by COVID-19.	<a href="https://www.terisas.ac.in/outreach.php?id=55">https://www.terisas.ac.in/outreach.php?id=55</a>
L N Venkataraman spoke on 'Political Economy of COVID-19: issues and perspectives' in a webinar organised by Department of Economics, Assam Don Bosco University, Guwahati on 6th July 2020	<a href="https://www.terisas.ac.in/outreach.php?id=56">https://www.terisas.ac.in/outreach.php?id=56</a>
Y Nithyanandam spoke at a webinar on "Future Pathways in Geoinformatics: remote sensing & WebGIS" organised by Nirmala College for Women, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu on 16 June 2020	<a href="https://www.terisas.ac.in/outreach.php?id=57">https://www.terisas.ac.in/outreach.php?id=57</a>
Lecture series on Environment and Climate Change: 'Risks, Vulnerabilities and Responses--Air and Waste' by Kamna Sachdeva and Lakshmi Raghupathy on 16th May 2020	<a href="https://www.terisas.ac.in/whats-happening.php?id=55">https://www.terisas.ac.in/whats-happening.php?id=55</a>
Lecture series on Environment and Climate Change: 'Risks, Vulnerabilities and Responses--Agriculture and Wataer' by Chubamenla Jamir, Chander K Singh and Akash Sondhi on 15th May 2020	<a href="https://www.terisas.ac.in/whats-happening.php?id=56">https://www.terisas.ac.in/whats-happening.php?id=56</a>
Lecture series on Environment and Climate Change: 'Addressing Climate Change: Science and Global Politics' by Kamna Sachdeva and Manish Shrivastava on 14 May 2020	<a href="https://www.terisas.ac.in/whats-happening.php?id=57">https://www.terisas.ac.in/whats-happening.php?id=57</a>
Lecture series on Environment and Climate Change: 'Why Should We Worry About the Environment--A Science Perspective' by Kamna Sachdeva and Chubamenla Jamir on 13th May 2020	<a href="https://www.terisas.ac.in/whats-happening.php?id=58">https://www.terisas.ac.in/whats-happening.php?id=58</a>
Webinar on Geospatial Information Science in Support of Sustainable Development Goals by Anu Rani Sharma and Neeti on 16 June 2020/	<a href="https://www.terisas.ac.in/whats-happening.php?id=59">https://www.terisas.ac.in/whats-happening.php?id=59</a>
Lecture on "Geogenic contaminants in aquifers of Indogangetic basin" by Chander K Singh in the VI-GYAAN (Visualising and Imbibing GYAAN) Lecture Series on 24 April 2020.	<a href="https://www.terisas.ac.in/outreach.php?id=58">https://www.terisas.ac.in/outreach.php?id=58</a>
Lecture on 'Recent Epidemics and Pademics: learnings based on Epidemiological Studies' by Chandan Kumar on 22nd April 2020.	<a href="https://www.terisas.ac.in/whats-happening.php?id=60">https://www.terisas.ac.in/whats-happening.php?id=60</a>
A webinar titled 'A Primer on Sustainable Urban Development' with lectures by Bhawna Bali, Deepty Jain and Abhijeet Datey on 15th April 2020.	<a href="https://www.terisas.ac.in/whats-happening.php?id=38">https://www.terisas.ac.in/whats-happening.php?id=38</a>
A webinar titled 'Business Sustainability--the obvious corporate choice' by Shruti Rana on 9th April 2020	<a href="https://www.terisas.ac.in/whats-happening.php?id=36">https://www.terisas.ac.in/whats-happening.php?id=36</a>
A webinar titled 'Water and Climate Change-Implications for India' keeping in mind the World Water Day 2020 (March 22nd) by Fawzia Tarannum on March 26th, 2020.	<a href="https://www.terisas.ac.in/whats-happening.php?id=35">https://www.terisas.ac.in/whats-happening.php?id=35</a>

TERI SAS Youtube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/user/teriuniversity>) also records many such endeavors. Some examples follow

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'24 Hours of Reality - Walk for Climate Emergency' and an interactive Session at Sarvodaya Vidhyalaya, Vasant Kunj. Our students educated the Sarvodaya Vidhyalaya students on Air Pollution and Sustainable Development Goals.	<a href="https://www.terisas.ac.in/whats-happening.php?id=62">https://www.terisas.ac.in/whats-happening.php?id=62</a>
Celebration of 70th Anniversary of Constitution Day at TERI SAS	<a href="https://www.terisas.ac.in/whats-happening.php?id=19">https://www.terisas.ac.in/whats-happening.php?id=19</a>

TERI SAS also organises international conferences and workshops for wider dissemination. Some examples follow:

<b>Details of the event</b>	<b>Link</b>
3rd International Conference on Business Economics and Sustainable Development in association with National Institute of Security Markets (NISM) at NISM campus, Patalaganga, Maharashtra, on March 2-3 2020	<a href="https://www.terisas.ac.in/whats-happening.php?id=63">https://www.terisas.ac.in/whats-happening.php?id=63</a>
"International workshop on Strengthening International Agribusiness Trade: Stakeholder Dialogue and Partnerships towards SDGs" in association with TATA Trusts, Western Sydney University, Confederation of Indian Industry, Root Skills, Deakin University, Australia India Business Council, TATA Cornell Institute of Agriculture, Syracuse University, UN Global Compact India during 14-15 Novemeber 2019.	<a href="https://www.terisas.ac.in/whats-happening.php?id=64">https://www.terisas.ac.in/whats-happening.php?id=64</a>
Sustainable Forestry in South Asia was hosted by TERI School of Advanced Studies Vasant Kunj under the aegis of the South Asia Research Initiative (SARI).	<a href="https://www.terisas.ac.in/whats-happening.php?id=16">https://www.terisas.ac.in/whats-happening.php?id=16</a>