



**Report on Essay Competition Organized by Community Service Club, Department of
Agriculture, IIAST**

The Community Service Club of the Department of Agriculture, IIAST, successfully organized an Essay Writing Competition on 19th April 2025 to commemorate Earth Day. The event, themed “Our Power, Our Planet,” aimed to instill environmental consciousness among school students from Classes V to VIII by encouraging them to express their ideas, thoughts, and sense of responsibility towards protecting the planet. The primary objective of the competition was to encourage young students to think critically about environmental conservation, foster creativity, and raise awareness about individual roles in protecting natural resources, while celebrating Earth Day through meaningful educational engagement.

The programme began with a brief inaugural session, where the significance of Earth Day and the theme “Our Power, Our Planet” were explained to the participants. Dr. Nitish Kumar, Faculty Coordinator of the Community Service Club, addressed the gathering with an inspiring speech that motivated students to freely and creatively express their perspectives on environmental issues. His words helped set a thoughtful and engaging tone for the event. A total of 32 students participated enthusiastically in the competition, showcasing their awareness, creativity, and concern for the environment through their heartfelt essays. Topics commonly addressed by the participants included climate change, pollution, the importance of renewable energy, the impact of human activities on nature, and the need for sustainable living practices. Many essays also emphasized the role of individuals, especially the younger generation, in promoting eco-friendly habits and taking small but significant steps towards a greener future.

The entire event was smoothly coordinated by student volunteers Shivam Singh and Smriti Kumari, who handled registrations, managed logistics, and guided the participants throughout the competition. Their efforts contributed greatly to the seamless execution of the programme. Overall, the essay competition not only provided a platform for students to express their environmental concerns and aspirations but also fulfilled the broader mission of the Community Service Club in promoting sustainability and civic responsibility among young learners. The success of the event reaffirmed the importance of involving youth in environmental dialogue and action.

Glimpses of the event-

