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## **Event Report**

Name of the Event	World Earth Day Celebration		
Objective of the event	Raise Awareness about environmental issues such as climate change, deforestation, plastic pollution, and biodiversity loss.  Encourage Active Participation of students and faculty in sustainable practices.  Foster Environmental Responsibility by promoting eco-conscious behavior in daily life.		
Date, Time and Venue	17, April 2025, 11:00 AM and CR-10 Shahpur		
	Campus		
Convener /Organising Secretary	Prof. Deepak Pant (Convener ) /Dr.		
	Chinmaya Maharana (Organising Secretary)		
Organising Unit	School of Earth & Environmental Science		
Participants	72 participants		
Outcome of the event	Increased Understanding of environmental challenges and global Earth Day significance. Student Empowerment to take individual and collective action for sustainability.  Behavioral Change in waste management, energy use, and resource conservation.		
Expenditure & Funding Agency if anyone			
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#### **Event Detail Report**

In alignment with the global observance of **World Earth Day** on 22nd April, the School of Earth and Environmental Science celebrated the occasion on **17th April 2025** with a thematic event titled "Our Power, Our Planet." The objective was to raise awareness on environmental sustainability and underscore the collective responsibility of humanity in safeguarding Earth's ecosystems. The event commenced with the felicitation of the **Chief Guest, Professor O.S.K.S. Shastri** from the Department of Physics. He was warmly welcomed with a bouquet by **Prof. Deepak Pant**, Dean and Head of the Department.

Distinguished guest speakers including **Dr. Ritambara Upadhya, Dr. Arun Kumar, and Dr. Kumar Batuk Joshi** were also honored during the opening ceremony. The formal program began with a soulful rendition of Saraswati Vandana followed by the University Kulgeet, setting an auspicious and reverent tone.

Prof. Deepak Pant delivered the welcome address, emphasizing the global significance of Earth Day and calling for collective, actionable efforts toward environmental conservation.

This was followed by a Ganesh Vandana dance performance by students of M.Sc. Environmental Science (4th Semester). The performance beautifully merged devotion and ecology, symbolizing the harmony between spirituality and environmental consciousness. After Ganesh Vandana Chief Guest Prof. O.S.K.S. Shastri delivered a thought-provoking address exploring sustainability through the Indian knowledge system. Introducing the concept of Vedic Environmentalism, he articulated three foundational principles:

- Gratitude towards nature
- Restraint in resource consumption
- A sacred relationship with the world

He emphasized that ancient Vedic scriptures offer enduring lessons on living in ecological harmony and warned against actions such as water pollution, deforestation, and harm to animals—acts condemned even in ancient texts. His address offered a profound synthesis of tradition and environmental ethics. His speech was followed by Group Song presented by M.Sc. Environmental Science (2nd semester) students, aimed at refreshing the audience and reinforcing the environmental message through music. In the Innovative Thinking Session participants were invited to express ideas aligned with the theme "Our Power, Our Planet". Students enthusiastically shared thoughts on climate action, personal responsibility, and community initiatives.

#### **Guest Presentations**

• Dr. Arun Kumar delivered a well-illustrated presentation on renewable energy solutions, advocating for a transition to cleaner, decentralized energy systems.

Dr. Kumar Batuk Joshi, Assistant Professor, Department of Geology, shared captivating insights from his glacier fieldwork, providing first-hand observations of environmental changes in the

Himalayas.

Dr. Ritambara Upadhya emphasized the 5Rs of Sustainability—Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Refuse,

Repurpose—urging the audience to make environmentally responsible choices in everyday life.

Students from various departments and semesters participated enthusiastically, delivering vibrant speeches

to raise awareness about environmental consequences and the need for protection.

Motivational Skit was performed by M.Sc. Environmental Science 4th semester students, the skit

creatively dramatized the pain of Earth and her plea to humanity for healing. The creative blend of drama

and emotion left a lasting impact on the audience.

Prizes were awarded for various competitions held on 16th and 17th April, including Rangoli Making,

Poster Competition, Quiz, Innovative Thinking, and Declamation. This encouraged active participation

and recognition of talent among students.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Chinmaya Maharana, who expressed

heartfelt gratitude to the Chief Guest, guest speakers, student participants, organizing committee, and

faculty for their invaluable contributions.

The Earth Day event successfully integrated traditional Indian environmental wisdom with contemporary

scientific knowledge and sustainable practices. The theme "Our Power Our Planet" resonated throughout

the program, inspiring participants to recognize their role in protecting the environment. The emphasis

on Vedic environmentalism highlighted the importance of gratitude, restraint, and a sacred relationship

with nature as guiding principles for sustainable living.

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