

IYPE National Student Contest: MATERIAL FOR ANCHOR

On the initiative of **International Union of Geosciences (IUGS)** and **UNESCO**, year 2008 has been declared as The **International Year of Planet Earth (IYPE)**. **Rashtriya Vigyan Evam Prodyogiki Sanchar Parishad** has accepted responsibility to organize out reach activities on issues of priority in our country under its Campaign “**Understanding Planet Earth**”. Its goal is to fulfill the policy objective of ensuring “that the message of science reaches every citizen of India, man and woman, young and old, so that we advance scientific temper, emerge as a progressive and enlightened society, and make it possible for all our people to participate fully in the development of science and technology and its application for human welfare.

RVPSP has organized National Student Contest 2008. It was widely publicized through print and electronic media. The Five winners from India have been to Paris and participated in the **Global Launch Event** was on 12th & 13th Feb 2008. These winners are being recognized with a certificate of excellence & cash award Rs. 15,000/- to each.

The formal launch of The International Year of Planet Earth at Paris in mid February 2008 was very important.

UN member countries were invited to send five youths each to go in the launch. The participants were to be selected from a national contest that was organized by RVPSP in India. The finalists in different categories were invited to Paris for the launch. They were felicitated on National Science Day Feb 28th 2008 with a cash award of Rs. 15,000/- and a certificate.



Hon'ble Minister for S&T and Earth Sciences honoured these winners.



Sh. Harish Kumar C

- **Sh. Harish Kumar C** from **Gandhigram Rural Institute**, Tamil Nadu is pursuing B.Sc, Physics. Painting theme *“Earth & Health: Building a safer Environment”*



Ms. A. M. Vandana

- **Ms. A. M. Vandana** from **Kasturba Gandhi College for Women**, West Marredpally, Secunderabad (Andhra Pradesh). Pursuing B.A. Essay, *“ Earth & Health: Building a Safer Environment”*



Ms. Vineeta Luther

Ms. Vineeta Luther, pursuing M.Sc. (Geology) from **DBS PG College**, Dehradun. Essay, *“Groundwater – Towards Sustainable Use”*.



Sh. B. Anantha Krishnan

- **Sh. B. Anantha Krishnan** Pursuing M.A(Development Administration) from **Gandhigram Rural University.**, Tamil Nadu. .
Video message "*No Escape*".



Miss Aditi Sinha

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