

UNIT 4 Lesson 1 Activity 1 Speech

Imagine that you have won the National Green Corps (NCG) award for coordinating the activities of your school eco club. The award would be given away by the Governor of the State in the presence of the Chief Minister and certain other dignitaries. You are supposed to deliver a speech after receiving the award. Draft the speech you would deliver.

Hon'ble Chief Minister , Governor other distinguished guests and my dear friends,

Its really a great pleasure for me to receive this NCG Award for coordinating the activities of our school eco-club. This award is a fillip to all members of the club.

My interest in environment is mainly from my father who is a teacher and social activist. My school authorities nurtured it to turn my ideas and desire into creative action. So, I did not make the journey alone. My teachers, especially Sree Devi teacher , teacher in charge of eco-club, my eco-club mates and my friends – all were with me along the way. I feel proud to say that they are behind this award.

People today are concerned about environment and are aware of consequences of environmental degradation. Hence, apart from organizing seminars, debates, lectures on environmental issues in school, we conducted field visits to polluted and degraded sites and took up cleanliness drives. The initiatives taken by our school eco-club in distributing seeds and saplings for compulsory kitchen garden was immensely successful as the residents there are earning their living through this. Installing Bio-gas plants, making herbal garden, starting a seed bank, maintaining vermin-composing pits, constructing water-harvesting structure in school- all these done well with the coordination and cooperation of our eco club members proved to be the best ways of conserving environment and retaining ecological balance. To be brief, we believed more in practising than preaching. I feel, our eco-club activities are like an exploratory journey. I would like to say what our teachers, friends and our club feel- it is a realization of a life dream!

This award is a symbol of our path towards success as we feel the joy of not only doing something in school, but also knowing that we are doing something good for the environment and the world at the same time. The formation of eco-clubs in

schools through which the students can take action to improve their immediate environment and propagation of such eco- club activities will certainly do a mammoth task for the sustainable development . Let us join our hands together to nurture the nature and to conserve it for our future and once again I want to say how grateful I am to receive this award.

Thank you.

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