

HIMALAYAN FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE, SHIMLA

Celebrations of International Day for Biological Diversity 22nd May 2013

For conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, United Nation's **Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)** was negotiated on 22nd May 1992 and India is a party to this **CBD**. Since then 22nd May is being celebrated as **International Day for Biological Diversity**. This year, the theme for IBD is **Water and Biological Diversity** and the year 2013 has also been declared as the **International Year of Water Cooperation** by United Nations.

In the above context, Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Panthaghati, Shimla has celebrated the **International Day for Biological Diversity** on 22nd May 2013 at Conifer Campus, Panthaghati, SHIMLA-9. About 30 students of Shimla based Schools participated in various programmes viz., Quiz Competition, Painting Competition and Slogan Writing on the theme, **"Water and Biodiversity"**.



Dr. R.K. Verma, Organizer of the programme welcomed the students and teachers of participating schools.



Students & Teachers of participating schools during the celebration of IBD

Dr. Vaneet Jishtu, Scientist, HFRI, Shimla gave a detailed presentation on the importance of **Water and Biodiversity** in the present day's context.



Presentation on Water & Biodiversity by Dr. Vaneet Jishtu, Scientist

After this, a Quiz, Painting and Salogan Writing Competitions, on the **Water and Biodiversity**, were organized for the students of various Shimla based Schools namely Government Senior Secondary School, Summer Hill, Shimla, Government

Senior Secondary School for Boys, Lal-Pani, Shimla, Government Senior Secondary School, for Girls, Lakkar Bazar, Shimla, Government Senior Secondary School for Girls, Portmore, Shimla, Government Senior Secondary School, Chhota Shimla, Shimla, Saraswati Vidya Mandir, Vikas Nagar, Shimla.

In Quiz Competition, Mr. Rahul Thakur & Mr. Ankit Negi of Government Senior Secondary School for Boys, Lal-Pani, Shimla attained **first position**; Ms. Mridula Kumari & Ms. Bharti Nainta of Sasarwati Vidya-Mandir, Vikas Nagar, Shimla attained **second position** and Ms. Anupama Sharma & Ms. Lalita Thakur of Government Senior Secondary School for Girls, Lakkar Bazar, Shimla attained **third position**.



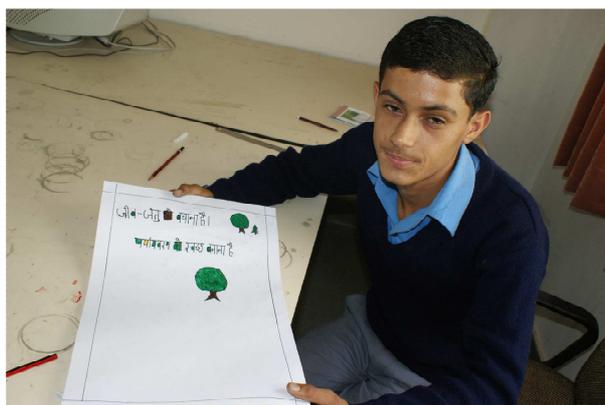
Participation of Students in Quiz Competition

In Painting Competition Ms. Seema Negi of Government Senior Secondary School, Chhota Shimla attained **first position**; Ms. Pooja Negi of Government Senior Secondary School for Girls, Lakkar Bazar, Shimla attained **second position** and Mr. Manmohan Thakur of Government Senior Secondary School, Chhota Shimla attained **third position**.



Students participating in Painting Competition

In Salogan Writing Ms. Heema of Government Senior Secondary School for Girls, Lakkar Bazar, Shimla attained **first position**; Mr. Vijender of Government Senior Secondary School, Chhota Shimla attained **second position** and Ms. Kiran of Saraswati Vidya Mandi, Vikas Nagar attained **third position**.



Students participating in Salogan Writing Competition

Prizes were distributed to the winning students by Shri S.S. Kataik, IFS, Head of Office, Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla. He thanked all the students and teachers, who have ensured their participation in this important event and emphasized that students and teachers are the foremost and important group of the society, who can really sensitize the people towards conservation of biodiversity, water and other natural resources, which is also a need of the day.



Shri S.S. Kataik, IFS distributing the prizes to the students

At the end, Dr. R.K. Verma, Scientist & Head, Division of Ecology & Biodiversity Conservation, HFRI, Shimla thanked all the students and participants for participating in the above events and apprized that the main motive of organizing these types of events is to make the society aware about the present day issues concerning the forestry, environment, ecology and other related issues.