

# Observance of Earth Day – 2016

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**Briksha Rupan Mahautsav**

**Venue: Sri Krishna Mission School, Bamutia**

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Earth Day is celebrated on April 22 every year with the twin objectives of appreciating the importance of Earth's environment as well as creating awareness about the need to save it.

In this regards, a programme was organized at Shri Krishna Mission School, Bamutia in Mohanpur Sub Division in collaboration with Panchai Farmers' club of Bamutia under West Tripura District on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016. Along with teachers and students, local villagers including participated in the programme. One hundred tree seedlings were planted during the programme.

Dr. Debashis Sen, Principal, College of Agriculture emphasized on protection of plantations. While speaking on the occasion, he said that attempts to plant trees have been made regularly but protection of the already planted trees is still not assured with the same pace. "It's an urgent need to care for each and every plants and trees, and actually everyone should adopt at least one or two plants so that they are allowed to grow for sure with due care", he said.

Referring to water crisis in Latur District of Maharashtra, he urged the people to go for planting maximum number of trees in order to conserve ground water. Joint Director of Panchayat Dept. of Tripura, Smt Rakhi Biswas, while explaining the similar nature of activities at Sparsha (a welfare society) iterate that merely planting trees is not well enough. "*We also need to concentrate on how to protect them till they grow up*". She said, Sparsha as an organization is not only planting trees in schools and other common places, but also ensuring their protection for survival. The project Mission "**Million**" run by the organization aims at not only planting one million trees over a period of ten years but also to protect them in order to make a green world.

Shri Atanu Saha, DCF explained about the CFLE activities and their role in natural resource conservation and management. He demonstrated the low-cost techniques of bamboo propagation, vermicomposting and bamboo treatment to the public present in the event.

Shri Pawan K Kaushik, Scientist E and Regional Director of Centre for Forest-Based Livelihoods and Extension explained the objectives and importance of the Earth Day. He linked this universal Earth Day with the individual birthday. In his address, Sri Pawan K. Kaushik appealed to remember the Mother Earth on every birthday and everyone's contribution to save the earth. Later everyone registered their commitment by signing on a banner prepared for the purpose. He informed the gathering that CFLE has recently planted 4000 broom grass in these villages under Bamutia block. He claimed that the broom grass is one of the most potential plants suitable to the locality and is also a proven livelihood option besides its potential in soil conservation and upgradation of ground water table.

Some photographs of the programme are appended herein below:



