

RFRI celebrates International Day for Biological Diversity

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam) celebrated International Day for Biological Diversity on 22nd May, 2018 at Nonoi Higher Secondary School, Nonoi, Nagaon (Assam). More than 450 students from around 10 schools participated in the programme. Various programmes were organized among the students to create awareness on biological diversity and its conservation.

Day-long programme was inaugurated by Dr. R. S. C. Jayaraj, IFS, Director, RFRI, Jorhat by planting a sapling at the school premises. Dr. Jayaraj addressed the gathering and appealed to the students to conserve our rich biodiversity around us.

Various competitions such as Drawing, Extempore and Quiz were held among the students of different schools of Nagaon district.

A popular science talk was delivered by Dr. T. C. Bhuyan, Scientist (Rtd.) on biodiversity and its conservation. He sensitized the students on conservation of our rich biodiversity. He gave a detailed account of biological diversity of Assam, India vis-à-vis world. He spoke about importance of biological diversity for human welfare. He told everyone do something for conservation of our surroundings.

An inter-school Quiz competition was held which was conducted by Shri Nayanmoni Borah. There were nine teams in the competition.

The Open Session was initiated with a *Borgeet* which was performed by ex-student of the host school. Mrs. Dipika Laskar, Principal, Nagaon Boys' H. S. School, Nagaon spoke on the occasion as Chief Guest. She put emphasis on character

building of students and appealed to the students to become more sensitive to the nature. Open Session was attended by Scientists and Officers of RFRI, ex-Principals, teachers and local citizens.

Shri Sanjib Kumar Kalita, Principal, Nonoi H S School performed a Chorus along with other students.

As a sideline of the celebration, a Science Exhibition was also held to disseminate the information to the students/public. Publications of RFRI, Jorhat were also distributed to the students.

Winners of various research competitions were awarded with trophy and a certificate in the Open Session.

Shri Sanjib Kumar Kalita, Principal, Nonoi H S School and his team very effectively organized all the events.

Shri R. K. Kalita, Scientist 'E' & HoD, Extension, RFRI; Shri Bibhuti Deka, Technical Officer, RFRI, Jorhat and Shri N. C. Das, Technical Officer, RFRI, Jorhat meticulously planned and executed the programme.



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