

## **RFRI celebrates World Environment Day**

**Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam)** celebrated World Environment Day with various programmes at various places from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.

### **Celebration at Sainik School Goalpara:**

The main function of celebration of World Environment Day-2018 was organized at Sainik School Goalpara (SSG) on 5-6 June, 2018. Around 15 schools of Goalpara district participated in the programme. The two-day celebration was inaugurated by Capt.(IN) Edwin Jyothirajan, Principal of SSG by flagging-off a Students' Rally. Around five hundred students participated in the Rally. The students carried placards, banners, and gave slogans on environmental protection and on plastic pollution. The students walked around 5-6 km in Mornoi area covering a few villages and sensitized the villagers on hazardous effects of plastics.

The students participated in a plantation drive which was initiated by Capt.(IN) Edwin Jyothirajan, Principal of SSG and Shri R. K. Kalita, Scientist E & HoD, Extension, RFRI. A drawing competition was held among the students and around 50 students participated in the competition. Topic of the drawing competition was 'My vision of clean village/town'.

Shri R. K. Kalita, Scientist E & HoD, Extension, RFRI delivered a popular talk covering various issues on environmental protection. He touched upon many issues like global warming, deforestation, sustainable development, plastic pollution, conservation of water and energy etc. He told that slight change in our lifestyle may bring substantial change in our society. He appealed to the students to inculcate good habits in their daily routine.

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Day-two of the celebration began with a debating competition on the Motion “Plastic is an integral part of life”. The students spoke for and against the motion and tried to convince the audience with their logical arguments.

An interschool Quiz competition was held which was conducted by Shri Munindra Hazarika, Post Graduate Teacher, SSG. Five schools participated in the Quiz competition. The competition was conducted on subjects like environmental protection, plastics, environmental laws & treaties, animals and plants. Shri R. K. Kalita also conducted one round the competition.

An extempore speech competition was also held among the students. The students also participated in an essay writing completion, held on the topic, “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle of plastics is only way forward for a healthy environment”.

Goalpara Forest Division provided around hundred saplings of various indigenous species for distribution among the students. Various species like *Phyllanthus emblica*, *Psidium guajava*, *Mangifera indica*, *Terminalia chebula*, *Delonix regia*, *Syzygium cumini*, *Samanea saman*, *Azadirachta indica* etc. Each students representing from various school was presented with sapling and they were asked to plant it in their respective house premises.

At the valedictory session, prizes and certificates were distributed to the winners of various competitions. Capt.(IN) Edwin Jyothirajan, Principal of SSG addressed the gathering and reiterated various issues on environmental protection for better living world tomorrow. Celebration ended with singing of National Anthem.

### **Celebration at Rain Forest Research Institute Campus:**

RFRI also observed the World Environment day at its Campus on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2018. First day was marked with plantation drive in the campus followed by meeting to

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discuss on this year's theme, "Beat Plastic Pollution". In both the programmes, Shri N. Anand, IFS, Conservator of Forests (Working Plan), Jorhat and Ms. Sayamrita Dutta, ACF took part. Dr. D. J. das, Scientist E, RFRI, Jorhat presented a brief introduction about the WED and the theme of the year. Dr. R. S. C. Jayaraj, Director, RFRI, Jorhat delivered a speech by showing a video on pollution caused by plastics and requested the participants to beat plastic pollution by avoiding single use plastics and choose suitable alternatives. Shri Anand requested the scientific community to rethink on plastic pollution caused by single use plastic and make research contribution for alternatives.

On the next day (June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018), a mass planting programme was undertaken in the campus. It was initiated by Shri Parimal Suklabaidya, Hon'ble Minister of Environment & Forest, Government of Assam. Shri N. K. Vasu, IFS, PCCF&HoFF, Assam, Shri S. K. Srivastava, IFS, Spl. PCCF, Assam and Shri D. P. Bankhwal, IFS, CWLW, Assam also participated in the programme.

### **Celebration at Chintamonigarh High School:**

RFRI, Jorhat also collaborated with a Jorhat based NGO, '*Rengoni-A Hope*' for celebration of World Environment Day at Chintamonigarh High School, Jorhat (Assam). Celebration was kicked off on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2018 with plantation of sapling by Padmashree Jadab Payeng, Forest Man of India. Shri R. K. Kalita, Scientist E of RFRI represented the Institute. He delivered a talk in the public meeting where around three hundred students participated. A Quiz competition was also held among students.

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## Glimpses of celebration at Sainik School Goalpara



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### **Glimpses of Celebration at RFRI, Jorhat**



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**DERGAON:** "Although plastic was a good commodity for mankind earlier but today it has become a matter of serious concern. With excessive use of plastic materials, it has now become a major environmental threat for us. So we must rethink about the use of such plastic materials from now."

This was observed by senior scientist of Rain Forest Research Institute (RFRI), Jorhat Dr Dandeswar Dutta while delivering his speech as the appointed speaker at the World Environment Day programme held at Dergaon Girls' Higher Secondary School (DGHSS) here on Tuesday. Delivering his audio-visual lecture on 'Threats of Plastic Pollution and Our duties', he opined that with the habit of taking a jute bag we can minimise 40% of plastic use. The scientist also explained the 5 Rs formula, i.e., Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Re-design in case of plastic pollution.

The day-long programme organised under the aegis of leading nature organisation AASHRAY and in association with DGHSS was initiated by the president of the school managing and development committee of DGHSS Dilip Kumar

Khound by planting a sapling of neem tree. Noted social worker Atul Goswami and retired ADC Hariprasad Bordoloi also planted a sapling each. This was followed by the open meeting with AASHRAY's president Biren Chandra Saikia in the chair and moderated by AASHRAY's secretary Sanjoy Kumar Hazarika where the principal of DGHSS Chidananda Pathak gave the welcome address in regards to the focal theme of this year's World Environment Day.

Taking part as the distinguished guest in the meeting, Dr Minuwar Begum, Associate Professor of Botany, DKD College

Dergaon explained different aspects of reducing the use of plastic in line with the focal theme of this year's World Environment Day i.e., 'Beat Plastic Pollution'.

A drama on conservation of birds *Pa-khir kakire sushwita dharani* composed by journalist Sanjoy Kumar Hazarika and directed by Pankaj Rajkhowa was staged in the programme where students of DGHSS, namely, Namisha Bora, Aakangkha Bora, Priyangkhi Bora, Anupriya Kaushik, Bandita Rabha, Priyankhi Devi, Shibani Bora, Parikhsita Barua, Parismita Bora, Indrakhsu Sarma and Parismita Hazarika enacted different characters. The meeting was also addressed by Hariprasad Bordoloi and attended by the principal of DGHSS Chidananda Pathak, Dilip Kumar Khound, educationist Jatinra Nath Neog, Manik Doley Daw etc.

During the programme, a project on 'Refuse Plastic, Remake Dergaon' to be carried out by AASHRAY was initiated by the coordinator of the project as well as assistant professor of Philosophy at DKD college Niranjan Haloi. The programme ended with the vote of thanks

by AASHRAY's secretary.

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যোৰহাট : ৮ জুন : যোৰহাটৰ বৰ্ষা অৰণ্য গবেষণা প্রতিষ্ঠানে সন্তুষ্টজোৱা কাৰ্যসূচীৰে বিশ্ব পৰিৱেশ দিৱস পালন কৰে। তদুপলক্ষে যোৱা ২ জুনত 'ৰেঙশি এটি আশা' নামৰ বেচৰকাৰী অনুষ্ঠানৰ সহযোগত চিনামণি উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক বিদ্যালয়ত প্রতিষ্ঠানটোৱে বিজ্ঞানী বাজীৰ কুমাৰৰ কলিতাই বিশ্ব পৰিৱেশ দিৱসৰ শুভাৰম্ভ কৰে। মূল সভাত কলিতাই প্লাষ্টিক প্রদুষণৰ ভয়াৰহতৰ সন্দৰ্ভত বক্তৃতা আগবঢ়ায়। ছাত্ৰ-ছাত্ৰীসকলৰ মাজত আঙ্গুলিয়ান কুইজ প্রতিযোগিতা অনুষ্ঠিত হয়। ৫ আৰু ৬ জুনৰ কাৰ্যসূচীসমূহ বৰ্ষা গবেষণা প্রতিষ্ঠানৰ চৌহদত আৰু গোৱালপুৰা সেনিক বিদ্যালয়ত সমাবেশালভাৱে উদ্বাগন কৰা হয়। প্রতিষ্ঠানৰ চৌহদত বৃক্ষপোৰণেৰে শুভাৰম্ভ কৰা এলানি কাৰ্যসূচীৰ অংশ হিচাপে আয়োজিত মুকালি সভাত প্রতিষ্ঠানটোৱে সঞ্চালক ক ড় আৰু এছ চি জয়বৰজ, যোৰহাটৰ বন সংৰক্ষক এন আনল আৰু আন এগৱাকী বন বিষয়া সংৰক্ষিতা দণ্ডনীয় তাগ লয়। ড় প্ৰশাস্ত হাজৰিকোই ঝাত ধৰা সভাত প্রতিষ্ঠানটোৱে সঞ্চালক ড় আৰু এছ চি জয়বৰজে রক্তুৰা আগবঢ়ায়। মুখ্য অভিযোগৰ ভাবগত বন সংৰক্ষক এন আনলেৰ কাৰ্যসূচীত জিজ্ঞাসনৰ ১৫ খন বিদ্যালয়ৰ প্ৰায় ৫০০ জন ছাত্ৰ-ছাত্ৰীয়ে অংশ লোৱা শোভাযাত্ৰাৰ শুভাৰম্ভ কৰে। বিদ্যালয়খনৰ অধ্যাপক পৰিৱেশৰ বাবে বিজ্ঞানীসকলক গবেষণামূলক বিভঙ্গনী প্লাষ্টিকমূলক পৰিৱেশৰ বাবে পৰামীক কাম কৰিবলৈ আহ বৰান জনায়। অন্যান্যে, আগবঢ়াৰ পৰামীক কাম কৰিবলৈ আহ বৰান জনায়। অন্যান্যে, গোৱালপুৰা সেনিক বিদ্যালয়ৰ সহযোগত বৰ্ষা অৰণ্য গবেষণা প্রতিষ্ঠানে বিজ্ঞানী বাজীৰ কুমাৰৰ কলিতাই পৃষ্ঠপোষকতাত বিশ্ব পৰিৱেশ দিৱসৰ কাৰ্যসূচীত জিজ্ঞাসনৰ ১৫ খন বিদ্যালয়ৰ প্ৰায় ৫০০ জন ছাত্ৰ-ছাত্ৰীয়ে অংশ লোৱা শোভাযাত্ৰাৰ শুভাৰম্ভ কৰে। বিদ্যালয়খনৰ অধ্যাপক কেণ্টেন এতুইন জোৱা বাজনো। পৰিৱেশ দিৱস উপলক্ষে ছাত্ৰ-ছাত্ৰীসকলৰ মাজত বিভূত প্রতিযোগিতা অনুষ্ঠিত হয়। ছাত্ৰ-ছাত্ৰীসকলৰ মাজত গোৱালপুৰা জিলা বন বিভাগে আগবঢ়াৰা গছপুলি বিভৱণ কৰাৰ লগতে গবেষণা প্রতিষ্ঠানটোৱে প্ৰকাৰিত কিতাপ টেপোলা ব্ৰতবল কৰা হয়। জিল্লা সিন্দৰ কাৰ্যসূচীৰ বন আৰু পৰিবেশে মৰীচি ব্ৰতবল শুল্ক বৈদাই মুখ্য অভিযোগ হিচাপে অংশ গ্ৰহণ কৰে। অন্যান্য পৰিৱেশ শুল্ক বৈদাই মুখ্য অভিযোগ জোৱা আৰু কৰিবলৈ আনন্দিত সদানীয়া অভিযোগকৰণৰ ভিতৰত মৰিয়ানি সমষ্টিৰ বিধায়ক কৰিবলৈ আনন্দিত অসমৰ প্ৰধান মুখ্যা বন সংৰক্ষক এন কে বাসু, বিশেষ প্ৰধান মুখ্যা কুৰুৰি, অসমৰ প্ৰধান মুখ্যা বন সংৰক্ষক এন কে বাসু, বিশেষ প্ৰধান মুখ্যা কুৰুৰি আৰু মৰিয়ানি বিভাগৰ বিষয়া-কৰ্মচাৰীয়ে অংশ গ্ৰহণ কৰে। উপৰি অবকাৰী আৰু মৰিয়ানি বিভাগৰ বিষয়া-কৰ্মচাৰীয়ে অংশ গ্ৰহণ কৰে। উপৰি অবকাৰী আৰু মৰিয়ানি প্ৰতিষ্ঠান, যোৰহাট চৌহদত মৰীচি পৰিমল শুল্ক বৈদাই এটা পৰাৰ গবেষণা প্রতিষ্ঠান, যোৰহাট চৌহদত মৰীচি পৰিমল শুল্ক বৈদাই এটা পৰাৰ গবেষণা প্রতিষ্ঠান, যোৰহাট চৌহদত মৰীচি পৰিমল শুল্ক বৈদাই এটা

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## World Environment Day today: Focus on tackling plastic pollution

### Dergaon to focus on refusing use of plastics

#### CORRESPONDENT

DERGAON, June 4: Nature NGO Aashray in association with Dergaon Girls' HS School will observe World Environment Day with a day-long programme here tomorrow.

Dilip K. Khound, president of the school managing and development committee, will plant a sapling to begin the programme.

Dr Dandeswar Dutta, a senior scientist at the Rain Forest Research Institute (RFRI), will deliver an audio-visual lecture on 'Threats of Plastic Pollution and our

duties'. Dr Minuwar Begum, associate professor of Botany at DKD College, Dergaon, will take part as the distinguished guest.

A play on conservation of birds, titled "Pakhir Kakire Seuji Asam" will be presented by the school students, and a documentary on nature conservation "Seuji Asam" will be screened. A project on plastic refusal will be initiated during the programme.

Aashray officials have urged nature lovers to attend the programme where they will get the opportunity to interact with the experts.

### RFRI teams up with Sainik School

GUWAHATI, June 4: Sainik School Goalpara in collaboration with the Rain Forest Research Institute (RFRI), Jorhat will observe World Environment Day with a two-day programme starting tomorrow.

The school has planned several activities for its cadets as well as students from other schools in and around the locality, a press release said here today.

Keeping in mind this year's theme of "Beat Plastic Pollution", the school will organise a debate competition on the topic "Plastics are an integral part of human living, they cannot be substituted".

A quiz competition will also be held on environment topics like pollution and pollutants, climate conference and accords, national parks and biodiversity, bio hotspots, alternative sources of energy, regulations and initiatives on environmental energy and disasters. Other events expected to be held include a plantation drive, and contests on drawing and painting, slogan writing, essay writing, extempore speech etc. Members of the RFRI will later talk to the students on issues affecting the environment.