

International Day for Biological Diversity Celebration

22nd May, 2016

A Report



Assam State Biodiversity Board

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The Assam State Biodiversity Board celebrated the “International day for Biological Diversity” on 22nd May, 2016 on the theme of “Mainstreaming Biodiversity; Sustaining People and their Livelihoods” at Wildlife Range Office, Nameri National Park and Tiger Reserve, Potasali, Tezpur, Assam. This function was jointly organized by Assam State Biodiversity Board (ASBB) and the Assam Forest Department. The event was sponsored by National Biodiversity Authority (NBA), Chennai. Shri Sri R. C. Goswami, IFS (Rtd.), Expert Member-ASBB was the Chief Guest of the function.

The other dignitaries on the dais included Sri Bikash Brahma, IFS, PCCF (SF), Sri J.M. Kouli, IFS, Addl. PCCF-UAZ, Sri A.K Johari, IFS, Addl. PCCF (Biodiversity & Climate Change) & Member Secretary- Assam State Biodiversity Board, Sri Akashdeep Baruah, IFS, CCF (Legal), Sri P. Sivakumar, IFS, CF-NAC, Sri Rajendra G. Garawad, IFS (AIG, MoEF) Smt. Laya Madduri, IAS, DC Sonitpur District, Sri Pallav Gopal Jha, IAS, DC Biswanath District.

Mrs. Dimpri Bora, IFS, (DCF, NAC) welcomed the guests. Sri R C Goswami, IFS (Retd.), Expert Member-ASBB made an introductory address explaining the significance of the theme of the function.

As part of the celebrations, drawing and painting, slogan and essay writings among the school children and weaving/handicrafts among the local Self Help Groups (SHG) were organized for generating awareness amongst the school children and local people. About 1000 school children from 15 different government schools participated in the competitions.

The function was also attended by CFs, all local DFOs, ACFs and Range Forest Officers of the Forests Department. Representatives of Government Departments such as Agriculture, Fishery, Horticulture, Veterinary & Educational Institutions, several NGOs, Presidents & Members of Anchalik Panchayats, JFMC members, Gaonburah and Members of Biodiversity Management Committees of Sonitpur and Biswanath Districts and over 1500 school children and local people attended the function.

Main events of the function included:

1. **Plantation:** The event was inaugurated with plantation by invited guests, forest officials and local villagers.
2. **Address by Dignitaries:** Shri Sri R. C. Goswami, IFS (Rtd.), Expert Member-ASBB, Sri B.K. Brahma, IFS, PCCF (SF), Sri A.K Johari, IFS, Addl. PCCF (Biodiversity & Climate Change) & Member Secretary- Assam State Biodiversity Board, Sri J.M. Kouli, IFS, Addl. PCCF-UAZ and Gaonbura of Potasali Village.
3. **Distribution of prizes:**
 - a. Painting & Drawing Competition (Total Participants : 605)
 - i. Group I: Class I - III (1st, 2nd, 3rd & Consolation prizes)
 - ii. Group II: Class IV - VI (1st, 2nd, 3rd & Consolation prizes)
 - iii. Group III: Class VIII - X (1st, 2nd, 3rd & Consolation prizes)
 - b. Slogan Competition: (Total Participants : 302)
 - i. Group I: Class I - III (1st, 2nd, 3rd & Consolation prizes)
 - ii. Group II: Class IV - VI (1st, 2nd, 3rd & Consolation prizes)
 - iii. Group III: Class VIII - X (1st, 2nd, 3rd & Consolation prizes)
 - c. Essay Competition: (Total Participants : 713)
 - i. Group I: Class I - III (1st, 2nd, 3rd & Consolation prizes)
 - ii. Group II: Class IV - VI (1st, 2nd, 3rd & Consolation prizes)
 - iii. Group III: Class VIII - X (1st, 2nd, 3rd & Consolation prizes)
 - d. Weaving Completion: (Total Participants : 50, 1st, 2nd, 3rd & Consolation prizes)
 - e. Tailoring Competition: (Total Participants : 49, 1st, 2nd, 3rd & Consolation prizes)
 - f. Handicraft Competition: (Total Participants : 65, 1st, 2nd, 3rd & Consolation prizes)

Each winner of the competitions was given a Certificate, Memento, a souvenir and a folder containing various publications of the Board. All the participants were given a Certificate of participation.

4. **Distribution of plants to villagers:** Economically important plants were distributed among the villagers after the conclusion of event.

Few Photographs of the Event



Speech by Chief Guest at the Function



Participants of the event

Few Photographs of the Competitive Events

1. Painting Competition



2. Essay Competition



Plantation at the event



Few Photographs of the Event

Prize Distribution for award winning students at the function



Plant distribution among the villagers



