

A REPORT

International Day for Biological Diversity Celebration

22nd May, 2019



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Overview of the function:

The Assam State Biodiversity Board celebrated the 'International day for Biological Diversity' on 22nd May, 2019 on the theme 'Our Biodiversity, Our Food, Our Health' at District Library Auditorium, Haflong, Dima Hasao district, 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.



The Chief Guests of the function was Mr. Nojit Kemprai, Member of Autonomous Council (MAC), North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council (NCHAC).

The other dignitaries on the dais included Shri A. K. Johari, IFS, Special PCCF & Member Secretary, Assam State Biodiversity Board (ASBB), Shri Amitabh Rajkhowa, Deputy Commissioner, Dima Hasao district; Shri Srejeeth T, Superintendent of Police; Shri M Tungnung, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forest, Dima Hasao.



Dignitaries on the dais and other participants in the function

The function was also attended by the all local Forest Officers, Divisional Forest Officer's (DFO's), Assistant Conservator of Forest (ACF) and Range Forest Officers. Representatives of Educational institutions, Biodiversity Management Committee (BMCs) members, NGO's, President and Members of (Village Council Development Committee's (V CDCs), Joint Forest management Committees (JFMCs), school children were also present in the event.

In addition, Dr. Sarbojit Thaosen, Associate Professo of Zooloy at Haflong Govt. College, B.C. Langthasa, Retd. DCF, Haflong and Dinesh Tiwari, Associate Professor of Haflong Govt. College also attended the event as resource persons.

As part of the celebration, for generating awareness among the school children drawing and essay writing competition were organised on 14th May, 2019 at Cultural Institute Hall, Haflong. Over 900 school children from 53 different schools of Dima Hasao district participated in the competitions.



Students from various schools taking part in competitive events



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Main events of the function:

- 1. Sapling distribution:** The event marked its beginning with distribution of saplings by the Chief Guests, Forests Officials and other Dignitaries.



Mr. Nojit Kemprai, Member of Autonomous Council during sapling distribution among students



Shri Amitabh Rajkhowa, Deputy Commissioner, Dima Hasao District, during sapling distribution among students

- 2. Lighting of Lamp:** The sapling distributing was followed by lighting of lamp. The chief guest and other presented dignitaries lightened the lamp during the event.



Dignitaries during Lighting the Lamp

3. **Address by Dignitaries:** Shri M. Tungnung, IFS, CCF, Dima Hasao, in his welcome speech, appreciated the efforts of Assam State Biodiversity Board and thanked Shri A.K. Johari, Member Secretary-ASBB for choosing Haflong for such an event for the first time. He also welcomed all the participants, guest and children from different schools to the event.



Shri M. Tungnung, CCF, Dima Hasao, delivering welcome speech during the function

Dr. O. Sunanda Devi, Scientific Officer, ASBB delivered the introductory speech on the theme of "Our Biodiversity, Our Food, Our Health".



Dr. O. Sunanda Devi, Scientific Officer- ASBB, delivering introductory speech

Shri A.K. Johari, IFS, Member Secretary ASBB in his speech encouraged all the school children to conserve the nature. He also highlighted the biodiversity richness of Dima Hasao district and assured that the Assam State Biodiversity Board and the Forest Department are committed to conserve and protect the rich biological diversity of this beautiful district.



Shri A. K. Johari, IFS, Member Secretary ASBB delivering speech on the theme with respect to biodiversity of Dima Hasao

Mr. NojitKemprai, Member of Autonomous Council (MAC), North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council (NCHAC, Shri Amitabh Rajkhowa, Deputy Commissioner, Dima Hasao district; Shri Srejeeth T, Superintendent of Police; also addressed everyone present in the function and delivered their speech on conservation significance of biodiversity.



Address by Mr. NojitKemprai, Member of Autonomous Council (MAC), North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council (NCHAC)

Dr. Sarbojit Thaosen, Associate Professor of Zoology at Haflong Govt. College, BC Langthasa, Retd. DCF, Haflong and Dinesh Tiwari, Associate Professor of Haflong Govt. College attended the event as a resource person. The resource persons delivered their speech mainly on the theme of celebration. They also highlighted the richness of Dima Hasao district as a Biodiversity Hotspot in north-eastern region and also as a whole in India and over the World.



Dr. SarbojitThaosen, Associate Professor of Zoology at Haflong Govt. College, addressing everyone present in the function



Shri B.C. Langthasa, Retd. DCF, Haflong, addressing everyone present in the function

Address by Dignitaries

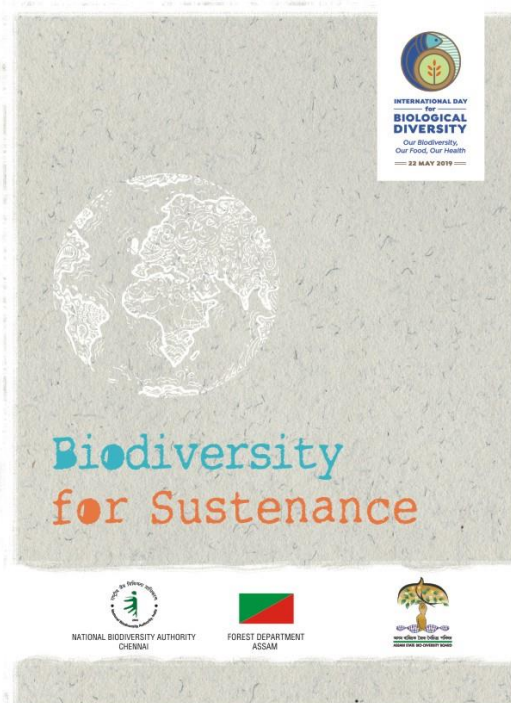


Address by Shri Srejeeth T, Superintendent of Police



Address by Shri Amitabh Rajkhowa, Deputy Commissioner, Dima Hasao district

4. **Release of Brochure:** A brochure “Biodiversity for Sustenance” on the theme of “Our Biodiversity, Our Food, Our Health” was released during the function.



**Release of the brochure
“Biodiversity for Sustenance”**

5. **Presentation of Prizes to winners:** Drawing and essay writing competition were organised on 14th May, 2019 under two different categories viz Junior Level (Class- III to VI) and Senior Level (Class- VII to IX) at Cultural Institute Hall, Haflong. Over 900 school children from 53 different schools of Dima Hasao district participated in the competitions.



Students receiving certificates and prizes from dignitaries

6. Program by children: Songs were performed by school children as a part of the function.



Children from Sound Wave Music School, performed songs on the theme of Biodiversity Conservation



Participants at the event

The programme was concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Shri N. Jeme, DCF, Divisional Forest Officer, Dima Hasao Forest Division (West).

Prizes and Certificates presented to the winners



Glimpse of prizes presented during the event



Sample of Certificate

Invitation, Advertisement on local newspaper

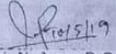
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PRESS RELEASE

It is hereby informed that the Dima Hasao Forest will organize State Level Celebration of International Day for Biological Diversity **on 22nd May, 2019 at 11.00 A.M.** at District Library Auditorium, Haflong on the theme "Our Biodiversity, Our Food, Our Health."

To commemorate the International Day for Biological Diversity, Essay and Drawing competition will be held on **14th May, 2019 at Cultural Institute Hall, Haflong**, among the students on the theme "Our Biodiversity, Our Food, Our Health." Junior level category from Class-III to Class-VI and senior level from Class-VII to Class-X. the prize will be awarded at the main function of the celebration on **22nd May, 2019 at District Library Auditorium, Haflong**.

The International Day for Biological Diversity is organized for the promotion of biodiversity issues, and to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity. All are invited at the main function of State level celebration on **22/05/19 at 11.00 A.M.**



(Sri. N. Jeme D.C.F.)
Divisional Forest Officer,
Dima Hasao Forest Division (West), Haflong.



INTERNATIONAL DAY
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**BIOLOGICAL
DIVERSITY**
*Our Biodiversity,
Our food, our health*
=====22 MAY 2019=====

Be a Part of Celebration of
INTERNATIONAL DAY
FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
"OUR BIODIVERSITY,
OUR FOOD, OUR HEALTH"
ON 22 MAY 2019
DISTRICT LIBRARY AUDITORIUM HAFLONG
11.00 HOURS ONWARDS.

Everyone is Invited



Organised : Assam State Biodiversity Board & Assam Forest Department
Sponsored by: National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai.

INVITATION

The Forest Department, Dima Hasao, requests your esteemed presence on the occasion of the celebration of
'International Day for Biological Diversity',
on 22nd May, 2019 at 11.am at the District Library Auditorium, Haflong.

'Our Biodiversity, Our Food, Our Health'

Sri N. Jeme, DCF
Divisional Forest Officer
Dima Hasao Forest Division (West)
RSVP: 9435077071

Shri M Tungnung, IFS
Chief Conservator of Forests
Dima Hasao



Convention on
Biological Diversity



IDB Day
advertisement
on local
newspaper

STATE

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2019

Embankment, relief camps opened



Bhokhat road, at Salmora in Jorhat on Wednesday. The two sites. - UB Photos

Embankment at two sites under Jorhat West... relief camps by the... to provide shelter to people of the village that were getting submerged due to the overflowing water.

One more relief camp was later opened at Sarbadoi High School. Goswami said that relief materials were distributed to the people at the relief camps.

Unauthorised relief camps in North Lakhimpur



Deputy Commissioner... the menace of motorcyclists without number plates and the havoc the rickshaws created in the region.

in North Lakhimpur town on Wednesday evening. An attempt was also made to curb the rampant traffic violations by two-wheelers by a team of North Lakhimpur police traffic branch led by DSP (Headquarters), Lakhimpur.

Retired teacher sheds State

paper Sarusaini grid sub-stations occurring in the high

Drugs seized, 2 held at Nagaon

A CORRESPONDENT

NAGAON, May 23: Based on specific intelligence inputs from Assam Police Special Branch, a team of Nagaon police led by SI Gaurav Mahanta in a raid on Wednesday arrested two persons and recovered a huge cache of narcotics, weighing around 3.5 kg from a house in Bhakatgaoon village under Haiborgaoon outpost in Nagaon.

The value of the seized narcotics, suspected to be heroin, is more Rs 5 crore in the international market, sources said. The seized narcotics were kept inside a torn tyre at the residence of Iqramul Hussain of Bhakatgaoon village.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

SILCHAR, May 23: In a bid to equip students and young surgeons with the nuances of temporal bone and skull-based surgery, a new dissection laboratory was opened at the Silchar Medical College and Hospital (SMCH) on Wednesday.

SMCH principal Dr Babul Bezbaruah formally inaugurated the laboratory in the Department of ENT cum Head and Neck Surgery in the presence of Dr Arun Bhattacharya, ex-principal and former head of the department of ENT cum Head and Neck Surgery, former head of the department Dr Prabhati Purkayastha, Dr

BJ Dutta, head of the Department of Anatomy, Dr Shams Uddin, head of the department of ENT cum Head and Neck Surgery, and Dr Rubi Saikia, professor in the Department of Anatomy.

"The opening of such an important laboratory following the guidelines of the Medical Council of India shall augment the academic discourse in understanding the subtle aspects of temporal bone and skull-based surgery. There are certain high-end surgeries in the ENT branch which require a thorough understanding of the anatomy of temporal bone-related finer issues," Dr Bezbaruah said.

postgraduate student of the Department of ENT and also the president of the hospital's PG Doctors' Association, expressed happiness over the inauguration of the laboratory. "This is a welcome move by the SMCH administration. Hands-on training on the temporal bone and skull-based surgery shall enable us to have a firm grip on the critical aspects of the surgery and give us confidence and expertise in approaching cadaveric dissection of temporal bone and skull in the coming days," he said.

Dr Borah said that training sessions in the lab shall help students learn about cochlear implantation meant for deaf children.

New dissection lab opened at SMCH

Int'l Day for Biological Diversity observed at Haflong



Nojit Kemprai addressing the gathering on Wednesday. - Photo: Haflong Correspondent

CORRESPONDENT

HAF LONG, May 23: With the theme 'Our Biodiversity, Our Food, Our Health', the International Day for Biological Diversity was observed at the District Library Auditorium, Haflong with great enthusiasm on Wednesday.

Nojit Kemprai, MAC, NC Hills Autonomous Council, attended the event as the chief guest. Others who took part in the programme included AK Johari, Special, PCCF & Member Secretary, Assam State Bio-Diversity Board, Deputy Commissioner Anjiah Raghawa, Superintendent of Police Srejereth T, CCF M Tungnung, Secretary Planning TT Daolagupi, DFO Ramen Das, DFO NK Jeme, and Secretary Sandesh Ardao.

The programme started with lighting of the lamp followed by felicitation of the guests and a welcome song presented by students of Sound Wave School.

Dr Sarbojit Thaoosen, associate professor of zoology at Haflong Govt College, BC Langthasa, retired DCE Haflong, and Dinesh Tiwari, professor of Haflong Govt College attended the event as resource persons.

All the speakers explained the meaning of biological diversity while stressing the importance of sustainable exploitation of natural resources. They appealed to the people to rethink, reuse and recycle and not to waste natural resources.

Nojit Kemprai, in his speech, said that the present

executive committee of the NCHAC is very keen for the conservation of nature. He proposed the setting up of a medicinal garden in Dima Hasao and requested the present senior forest officials to look into the matter.

This was followed by a modern song on the theme of nature conservation in Dimas by Sound Wave Music School, release of a brochure and distribution of prizes to participants of the drawing and essay competitions held earlier.

Earlier, M Tungnung, CCF, Dima Hasao, in his welcome speech, appreciated the efforts of AK Johari for choosing Haflong for such an event for the first time. He also accorded a warm welcome to all the participants and guests. NK Jeme offered the vote of thanks.

Retired teachers had farewell

Newspaper item covering the event published in the local news paper

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 (English Newspaper from Haflong, (originally published as 'The Haflong Times' Haflong News', Haflong, Monday, Nov 27, 2018) Rs. 10/-

Painting, Drawing Essay badai lairih International Day for Biological Diversity basain Maniba: DFO Haflong.

Dima Hasao Forest Division West ni DFO gede niprang 14 May 2019 khali Haflong Cultural hall ha Haflong hahphai ni School phori ancharao Class-I niprang X sosi nikhe jma hi Cultural Institute Hall ha Painting, Drawing odeh Essay rehpha badai lairih snadi Biological Diversity bukhe mithirihba. karon dini dakna ni muluk ha muluk khe gasainhi dingma thikhade bar di ham ma nangdu. odehbani elaiyahba khe majangsisi dingmani klaihi phori ancharao bo mithima nangdu. Bu baothai khe lahi 22 May



INTERNATION DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY basain mani laibaha blaichandi rihmani klaihi dini ha elai badai lairihyaba khushi habba dingba. Dini ni badai lairi baha Haflong haphai ni gibin gibin

School niprang rja jahng phori ancharao miya masainjik phailakha.
 Sri Tuhin Langthasa Forest ranger Haflong ni kna rihaba.

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International Day for biological diversity observed at Haflong

Haflong, April 22, 2019: A programme on International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues was observed on May 22 at Haflong by the Forest Department, Dima Hasao. The programme was organized at the District Library Auditorium, Haflong with dignitaries from the Guwahati as well as special



guests from council and district administration. The programme was attended by A.K.Johari, IFS, Spl., PCCF and P Roy, IFS, Addl PCCF, Amitabh Rajkhowa D C, Dima Hasao, Srijeeth T, SP, Dima Hasao, TT Daulagupu, Secy, NCHAC, S Ardao, Secy, NCHAC. The programme was also attended by Nojit Kemprai, Member of Autonomous Council, Haflong.(see p-3)

...International Day for biological diversity observed at Haflong

The guests were welcomed by M Tungnung, IFS, CCF, Dima Hasao. There were also paper presentation by speakers B.C Langthasa, former ACF, Dr. Sarbojit Thaosen, Dinesh Tiwari and Dr. Oinam Sunanda Devi, Assam state biodiversity research scientific officer leverage knowledge and spread awareness of the dependency of our food systems, nutrition, and health on biodiversity and healthy ecosystems. The discussion was about the diversity provided by our natural systems for human existence and well-being on Earth, while contributing to other Sustainable Development Goals, including climate change mitigation and adaptation, ecosystems restoration, cleaner water and zero hunger, among others. It was also discussed that the medicinal plants, flora and fauna of Dima Hasao is a treasure that need to be preserved and the council will take all possible steps to bring this into force.