

Celebration of
INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
22nd MAY, 2013

1. The International day for Biological Diversity was celebrated on 22nd May, 2013 at Hotel Brahmaputra Ashok, Guwahati.
2. The function was organized by Assam State Biodiversity Board (ASBB) in association with Assam Forest Department and the event was sponsored by National Biodiversity Authority (NBA), Chennai.
3. The theme of this year's IBD celebration is "**Water & Biodiversity**".
4. Hon'ble Minister of Environment and Forests, Panchayat & Rural Development-Assam, Shri Rakibul Hussain was the Chief Guest at the function.
5. The other delegates on the dais include PCCF & HoFF, Shri V. K. Vishnoi, Information Commissioner, Govt. of Assam, Shri M. C. Malakar, Secretary, Environment & Forests, Mrs. Nafifa Ahmed, Retd. HoD & Board Member, Shri A. K. Goswami and CCF-Biodiversity & Member Secretary, Assam State Biodiversity Board, Shri Abhay Kumar Johari.
6. Other important Guests at the function include Joint Secretary, E & F, Shri Moloy Bora and Board Members.
7. About 150 Delegates including senior government officers from Forest, Panchayat, Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries, Education departments, representatives of Educational and Research Institutes, prominent NGOs, Presidents and Members of Anchalik Panchayats of Kamrup district, School childrens and eminent citizens attended the function.
8. Dr. Ranjana Gupta, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests (Wetlands) welcomed the Guests. Chief Conservator of Forests (Biodiversity & Climate Change) & Member Secretary-ASBB, Shri A.K. Johari, IFS made an introductory presentation explaining significance of the theme for the function
9. The Chief Guest released two booklets "**Bengali Version of the Biological Diversity Act 2002 & Assam Biodiversity Rules, 2010**" and "**Glimpses of Biodiversity in Assam**" at the function.
10. As a part of the celebration, Painting and Quiz competitions for school children were held on 19th May, 2013 at Assam State zoo. About 800 school children participated at these competitions. The winners of these competitions were presented with trophies and certificates at the function. The function was duly covered by the electronic and print media.

Few Photographs of the Events



Chief Guest at the Function



Chief Guest releasing the Bengali version of BD Act & Rules



Chief Guest releasing the booklet on biodiversity of Assam



Chief Guest addressing the Function



Delegates & Participants at the function



Chief Guest interacting with media persons

Few Photographs of the Events



Prize distribution to winners of Quiz Competition



Prize distribution to winners of Painting Competition



Participants of Painting Competition



A Participant at the Competition



Participants of Quiz Competition



Quiz Competition under progress