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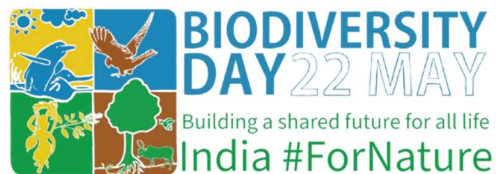
Report on State level programs organized by Assam State Biodiversity Board
in collaboration with National Biodiversity Authority



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Report

The Assam State Biodiversity Board (ASBB) in collaboration with National Biodiversity Authority celebrated the International Day for Biological Diversity on 22nd May, 2022 by organizing various offline and online events for generating awareness among stakeholders and local people.

This year's theme is "**Building a shared future for all life**". The slogan was chosen to continue building momentum and support for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework to be adopted at the upcoming UN Biodiversity Conference #COP15.

The Board is celebrating the International Day for Biological Diversity every year in different parts of Assam. But, Last couple of years due to pandemic the Board is celebrating international day for biological diversity through online modes.

This year Board decided to celebrate the International Day for Biological Diversity in broader scale in different parts of the State. The following programs were organised during the celebration of International Day for Biological Diversity.

1. Training & awareness workshop on ABS & PBR:

The Board started the celebration with a training and awareness workshop that was organised at the auditorium of Zoology Department of Bodoland University, Kokrajhar on 18th May, 2022.

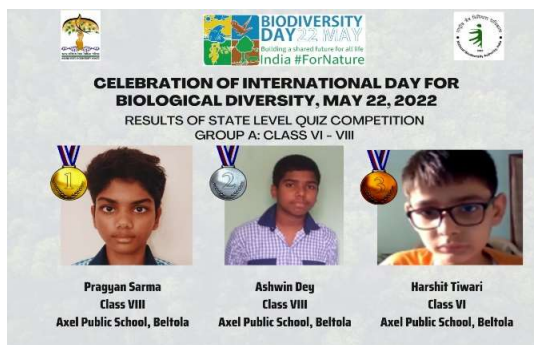
The eminent persons present in the meeting were Prof. P.K. Patra, Rector, Bodoland University, Dr. Manjil Basumatary, Academic Register, Bodoland University, Prof. Hilloljyoti Singha, Head, Department of Zoology, BU, Dr. Hemen Sarma, Head, Department of Botany, BU, Dr. O.S. Devi, Scientific Officer, Assam State Biodiversity Board, Dr. Mazedul Islam, Technical Officer, Assam State Biodiversity Board and other faculty members from Zoology dept., Botany dept. and Geography dept. A total of 150 students from Zoology, Botany and Geography department were participated in the awareness workshop.



Scientific Officer-ASBB addressing the gathering

2. State level Quiz Competition on Biodiversity:

An online quiz competition was organized by Assam State Biodiversity Board as a series event on the occasion of International day for biological diversity, 22nd May, 2022. The event was performed among the school students dividing them into 2 groups. Preliminary round for both the groups was conducted on 18th May 2022. The final round was organized on 19 May 2022, through zoom platform.



3. Photo walk to document urban biodiversity:

The Assam State Biodiversity Board in collaboration with the Assam State Zoo cum Botanical Garden conducted a Photo walk to document the urban biodiversity on 20th May, 2022, as a part of celebration of the

International Day for Biological Diversity, 2022. The walk was conducted at the Assam State Zoo cum Botanical Garden.

The maximum capacity was 30 participants, on first come serve basis. Despite unfavourable weather conditions, eighteen participants attended the event, out of 30 registrations, belonging to different institutions including Gauhati University and Cotton University.

The photo walk started with a welcome address by Dr. Ashwini Kumar (IFS), Divisional Forest Officer, Assam State Zoo cum Botanical Garden, on the importance of biodiversity. The walk started at about 8 am and continued till 11 am. During the walk, the participants documented 43 species of flora and 38 species of fauna.



4. Plantation of Endemic Fruit plants at BMC level.

This year, National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) and MoEFCC have identified 7 actions to be undertaken by the all State Biodiversity Boards (SBBs) and Union Territory Biodiversity Council (UTBCs) as a part of the celebration of International day For Biological Diversity. As per these 7 Actions; ASBB has organised the plantation program of endemic fruit plants on 21st May, 2022 in different Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) of Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC).

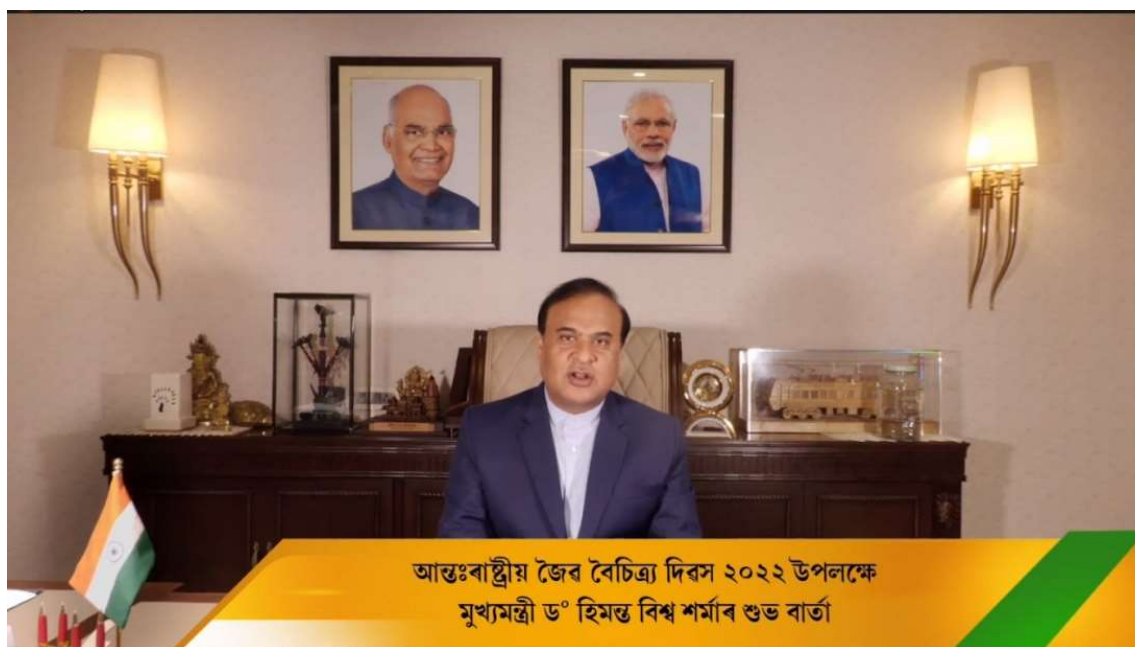
A total of eight (8) BMCs from Karbi Anglong organized this plantation program. BMC members from all BMCs along with school students, teachers, women, local villagers and staff from Forest department took active participation in this program.



Plantation of Endemic fruit plants by Silonijan BMC, East Division, Karbi Anglong

5. Message from Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam, India

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam, Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma send a video message to the people of Assam on the occasion of International Day for Biological Diversity, 2022. He spoke on the significance of the event and listed the achievements of the Assam Govt. to notify Hajong Turtle Pond in Dima Hasao district and Borjuli of Sonitpur district as Biodiversity Heritage Sites. He further mentioned that through the efforts Assam State Biodiversity Board, the Assam Government will to take more such steps towards biodiversity protection and conservation.



6. State Level Online Celebration of IBD, 2022 at Guwahati, Assam

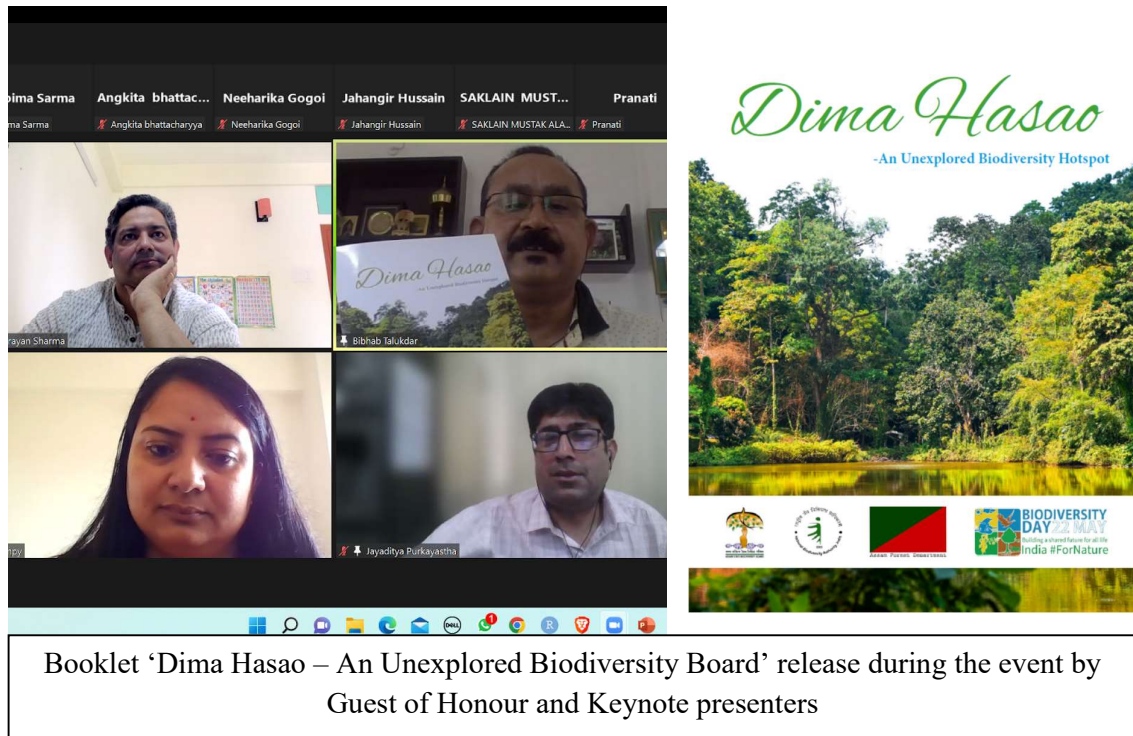
The event started with inaugural welcome address by Dr Mazedul Islam (Technical Officer - ASBB) who briefly highlighted the key efforts and progress during the current year by ASBB. This was followed by the message of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam, Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma to the people of Assam.

The Honourable CM's message was followed by the introductory speech by Shri K. S. P. V. Pavan Kumar, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Biodiversity & Climate Change). The Chief Guest of the event was Dr P. C. Bhattacharjee (Retd. Professor, Gauhati University and Expert Member - ASBB) and he delivered an address of the significance of International Day of Biological Diversity. This was followed by the address of Guest of Honour, Dr Bibhab Talukdar (CEO, Aaranyak and Expert Member - ASBB).

A booklet on biodiversity of Dima Hasao namely 'Dima Hasao - An Unexplored Biodiversity Hotspot' was released wherein the rich biodiversity of Dima Hasao has been showcased.

The book release was followed by two keynote lectures. Dr Narayan Sharma (Assistant Professor, Cotton University) delivered the first keynote titled, 'Biodiversity is the answer to global societal problem'. The second keynote was delivered by Smt. Dimpri Bora, IFS (DFO, Kamrup

West Division) on 'Conservation of floral and faunal diversity in the era of development'.



7. National Level Celebration at Chennai, India

The Assam State Biodiversity Board participated at the national event organized by the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA), Chennai. The event was graced by the presence of Hon'ble Union Minister, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Shri Bhupendra Yadav, Hon'ble Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey.

Several State Biodiversity Boards including Assam, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, and Gujarat showcased their products at the exhibition in Chennai. The theme of the exhibition at the event was 'Biodiversity, Nutritional Security and Human wellbeing'. The Assam State Biodiversity Board participated in the exhibition and hosted a stall which displayed a diverse range of biological resources at the event. Forty-eight varieties of rice from seven districts of Assam were displayed along with various plants and seeds of medicinal and traditional significance. The stall by ASBB was visited by Hon'ble Union Minister, Shri. Bhupendra Yadav and Hon'ble Minister of State Shri. Ashwini Kumar Choubey and various other dignitaries and participants at the national event.



Visit of Hon'ble Union Minister Shri Bhupendra Yadav felicitated with a phulam gamosa and a rhino souvenir by Member Secretary – ASBB



Scientific Officer – ASBB with three BMC members and Secretary, National Biodiversity Authority, Shri Justin Mohan

8. Seed Collection Competition and Exhibition at Karbi Anglong:

The Board has organized a “Seed Competition and Exhibition” for local communities and students at Chandrasing Rongpi Memorial High School, Kohora, Karbi Anglong on 22nd May 2022 in collaboration with Aaranyak, a renowned NGO of Assam. This exhibition cum competition was implemented as per the 7 actions identified by MoEFCC and NBA.

A total of 87 participants (farmers and students) from 27 villages in the Kohora and Diffolu River Basin participated in the competition which was organized for the first time in the region. The event was jointly inaugurated by the Dr. Jatindra Sharma, Park Director of Kaziranga National Park, Mr. Ramesh Kumar Gogoi, DFO-Kaziranga National Park, and Mr. Dhruvajyoti Nath, Additional Superintendent of Police in presence of Raising Rongpi, Sarkari Gaonbura, Chandrasing Rongpi villagers.



The competition was organized in three categories i.e., 1) Farmers, 2) Students (senior) and 3) Students (Junior); also, cash award given to the top three participants of each category. Around 170 different local seeds were displayed by the participants of the competition, which are mainly cultivated in hilly terrain and in Jhum fields. Out of these species, there are around 20 land races of rice, 18 variety of pulses, 7 variety of oil seeds, 85 varieties of vegetables, 15 fruits species and 2 varieties of millets and 5 types of corn and maize were displayed by the participants.



Building a shared future for all life

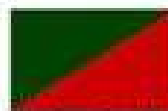
Assam State Biodiversity Board cordially invites all to
be a part of the celebration of the International Day for Biological Diversity, 2022 in

Assam

18th May 2022 to 22nd May 2022

Date	Programme	Time	Venue/Mode	Participants
18.05.2022	Awareness workshop on Access & Benefit Sharing (ABS) And Peoples' Biodiversity Register(PBR)	10.00 Am-2.00 Pm	Bodoland University, Kokrajhar	Students, Teachers and local NGO's
18.05.2022	State Level Quiz Competition (Preliminary Round)	12.30 Pm onwards	Online	School Students Group A: Class VI-VIII
19.05.2022	State Level Quiz Competition (Final Round)	12.30 Pm onwards	Online	Group B: Class IX-XII
20.05.2022	Photowalk for Documenting Urban Biodiversity	6.00Am-9.00 Am	Assam State Zoo cum Botanical Garden, Guwahati	Graduate and Post-Graduate Students (18-30 years)
21.05.2022	Plantation of Endemic Fruit Plants	9.00 Am-10.00 Am	Diphu BMC (Karbi Anglong) & Maibang BMC (Dima Hasao)	BMC members and Local people
22.05.2022	Seed Competition and Exhibition in collaboration with Aaranyak	9.00 Am onwards	Community Hall, Chandrasing Rongpi Village, Karbi Anglong	Fringe village farmers, BMC members
22.05.2022	State level program for Celebration of Bioday, 2022	10.00 Am - 1.00 Pm	Online	Officers of Govt. Dept. , BMC members, Students and other stake holders.

Apart from these, there will be National level Celebration of the Bioday 2022 Event at Chennai where Assam State Biodiversity Board along with selected BMC members will participate in the Official Programme and Exhibition on the theme " Biodiversity, Nutritional Security & Human Well Being"



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International day for biological diversity observed by ASBB

News paper reporting of the event

CHRONICLE NEWS SERVICE

GUWAHATI: Assam State Biodiversity Board (ASBB) has organized a collage of events to commemorate the International Day for Biological Diversity on the theme "Building A Shared Future For All Life" here on Sunday.

An online quiz competition was organized on May 18 and 19 in two groups with students from classes 6-8 constituting Group A and 9-12, Group B.

The three winners from group A are Pragyan Sarma (1st), Ashwin Day (2nd) and Harshit Tiwari (3rd) of Axel Public School, Guwahati and for Group B three winners are Narendra Saikia (1st) of Karhagaon Bapuji High School of Majuli; Karan Kalita (2nd) of Nalanda Public School of Nalbari and Pragati Rajkumari of Axel Public School, Guwahati.

A photo walk was organized on May 20 to document urban biodiversity within the campus of Assam State Zoo cum Botanical Garden. A total of 30 participants registered for the event. During the photo walk, 81 species of plants and animals were recorded by the participants. On May 22, a state-level programme was organized on online mode which was started off with an address by Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma followed by an introductory speech by ASBB member secretary and additional PCCF (Biodiversity & Climate Change) KSPV Pavan Kumar.

Prof Parimal Chandra Bhattacharjee, retired professor in the Department of Zoology, Gauhati University, attended the event as chief guest and Dr Bibhab Kumar Talukdar, CEO, Aaranyak attended as the guest of honour was.

During the event, keynote addresses were presented by Dr Narayan Sharma of Cotton University and Dimpri Bora, DFO, Kamrup West.

A publication of the As-



ssam State Biodiversity Board titled "Dima Hasao-An Unexplored Biodiversity Hotspot" was also released during the event.

Other events organized on the occasion also include an awareness workshop on Access and Benefit Sharing and People's biodiversity register in Bodoland University involving students, teachers and local NGOs on May 18; Plantation of endemic fruit plants by Biodiversity Management Committees of Karbi Anglong on May 21 and a com-

petition cum exhibition of different kind of seeds was organized at Karbi Anglong in association with Aaranyak on May 21.

Besides these, Assam State Biodiversity Board also participated in the National Event on International Day for Biological Diversity at Chennai organized by the National Biodiversity Authority.

The theme for the exhibition was Biodiversity, Nutritional Security and Human Wellbeing wherein ASBB exhibited 48 indigenous varieties of rice of Assam; local bean varieties and medicinal herbs besides showcasing biodiversity standees and publications of ASBB.

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Sealed quotation in plain paper (twenty five paise) only is heretofore of following inputs under the schedule draft/Term deposit/FDR etc for development officer, Karimganj, June, 2022 and will be open or authorised representatives. Quotations in the O/O District fishery development above. The undersigned will accept beyond the last date and time (mentioned below in the column clearly mentioning the name of

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The actual quantity to be supplied. Details terms & conditions are available in the schedule. Hours from the date of publication.

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অনুষ্ঠানত "Dima Hasao- An Unexplored Biodiversity" শীৰ্ষক এখন গ্ৰন্থ উন্মোচন কৰা হয়

by Team EastMojo

May 26, 2022



গুৱাহাটী: আন্তৰ্জাতিক জৈৱ বৈচিত্ৰ্য দিৱস উপলক্ষে যোৱা ২২ মে'ত অসম ৰাজ্যিক জৈৱ বৈচিত্ৰ্য ব'ৰ্ডে "Building A Shared Future For All Life" শীৰ্ষক এলানি বিশেষ কাৰ্যসূচী আয়োজন কৰে।

এই উপলক্ষে ১৮ আৰু ১৯ মে'ত গ্ৰুপ এ আৰু গ্ৰুপ বি ক্ৰমে ষষ্ঠৰ পৰা অষ্টম শ্ৰেণী আৰু নৱমৰ পৰা দ্বাদশ শ্ৰেণীৰ দুটা গোটৰ মাজত এক অনলাইন কুইজ প্ৰতিযোগিতাৰ আয়োজন কৰা হয়।

গ্ৰুপ 'এ'ত গুৱাহাটীৰ এক্সেল পাব্লিক স্কুলৰ প্ৰজ্ঞান শৰ্মা (১ম), অশ্বিন ডে (২য়) আৰু হৰ্ষিত তিৱাৰী (৩য়) বিজয়ী হোৱাৰ বিপৰীতে গ্ৰুপ 'বি'ত মাজুলীৰ কৰহালগাঁও বাপুজী হাইস্কুলৰ নৰেন্দ্ৰ শইকীয়া (১ম), নলবাৰীৰ নলন্দা পাব্লিক স্কুলৰ কৰণ কলিতা (২য়) আৰু গুৱাহাটীৰ এক্সেল পাব্লিক স্কুলৰ প্ৰগতি বাজকুমুৰী বিজয়ী হয়।

ইয়াৰ উপৰি কাৰ্যসূচীৰ অংশ হিচাপে ২২ মে'ত অসম ৰাজ্যিক চিৰিয়াখানাত অনুষ্ঠিত কৰা এক 'ফটো ৱাক'ত ৩০ গৰাকী প্ৰাৰ্থীয়ে পঞ্জীয়ন কৰে আৰু অংশগ্ৰহণকাৰীসকলে ৮১টা প্ৰজাতিৰ উদ্ভিদ আৰু জীৱ-জন্তুক কেমেৰাৰ ফ্লেমত আৱদ্ধ কৰে।

আনহাতে ২২ মে'ত অনুষ্ঠিত এক ৰাজ্যিক পৰ্যায়ৰ অনলাইন অনুষ্ঠানত মুখ্য মন্ত্ৰী হিমন্ত বিশ্ব শৰ্মাই সন্মোদন কৰে। গুৱাহাটী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ প্ৰাণীবিজ্ঞান বিভাগৰ অৱসৰপ্ৰাপ্ত অধ্যাপক পৰিমল চন্দ্ৰ ভট্টাচাৰ্যই মুখ্য অতিথি হিচাপে অংশগ্ৰহণ কৰা উক্ত অনুষ্ঠানত আৰণ্যকৰ মুখ্য কাৰ্যবাহী বিষয়া বিভৱ তালুকদাৰে সন্মানীয় অতিথি হিচাপে উপস্থিত থাকে।

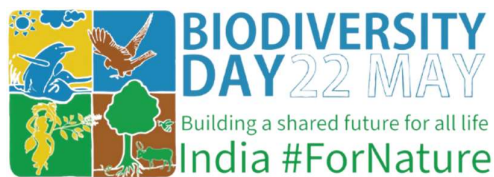
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Training & Capacity Building Workshop at Bodoland University, 18th May, 2022

Report



Assam State Biodiversity Board



REPORT

Celebration of International day for biological diversity 22nd May, 2022

1. Training & Capacity Building Workshop at Bodoland University

18th May, 2022

The United Nations has proclaimed May 22 the International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues.

This year's theme is "**Building a shared future for all life**". The slogan was chosen to continue building momentum and support for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework to be adopted at the upcoming UN Biodiversity Conference #COP15.

Biodiversity remains the answer to several sustainable development challenges. From nature-based solutions to climate, health issues, food and water security, and sustainable livelihoods, biodiversity is the foundation upon which we can build back better.

The Board is celebrating The International Day for Biological Diversity every year in different parts of Assam.

But, Last couple of years due to pandemic the Board is celebrating international day for biological diversity through online modes.

This year Board decided to celebrate the International day for biological diversity in broader scale in different parts of the State. As a part of the celebration a training and awareness workshop was organised at the auditorium of Zoology Department of Bodoland University, Kokrajhar on 18th May, 2022.

The eminent persons present in the meeting were Prof. P.K. Patra, Rector, Bodoland University, Dr. Manjil Basumatary, Academic Register, Bodoland University, Prof. Hilloljyoti Singha, Head, Department of Zoology, Dr. Hemen Sarma, Head, Department of Botany, Dr. O.S. Devi, Scientific Officer, Assam State Biodiversity Board, Dr. Mazedul Islam, Technical Officer, Assam State Biodiversity Board and other faculty members from Zoology Dept., Botany Dept. and Geography dept. A total of 150 students from Zoology, Botany and Geography department were

participated in the awareness workshop. The workshop was anchored over by the Kokrajhar Science College. The workshop was started with the felicitation of guests with traditional Bodo “*Arna*” and a neem tree.

Dr. Kushal Choudhury, Associate Professor, Bodoland University welcomed all the participants on behalf of Assam State Biodiversity Board and Department of Zoology, Bodoland University. In the inaugural session, Academic Register of Bodoland University Dr. Manjil Basumatary briefly highlighted his view on Biological Diversity Act, 2002, BMC and PBR and he also emphasized to strength up the BMCs at the grassroot level. Dr. P.K. Patra, Rector, Bodoland University, Prof. Hilloljyoti Singha, Head, Department of Zoology, Bodoland University, Dr. Hemen Sarma Head, Department of Botany, Bodoland University spoke about the need of Biodiversity Conservation.

In the technical session, Dr. Oinam Sunanda Devi, Scientific Officer, Assam State Biodiversity Board, gave an introductory presentation on the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, the Assam Biodiversity Rules, 2010 including about the Biodiversity Management Committees (BMC) and their roles and responsibilities for the stakeholders which includes members from Line Departments and District Technical Support Group. The members present were briefed about the Access and Benefit Sharing Mechanism and the need for preparing Biodiversity Management Plan by the BMCs.

Dr. Mazedul Islam, Technical Associate, ASBB highlighted the role and responsibility of students in biodiversity conservation and how they can engage with local BMCs to improve the Peoples’ Biodiversity Register. He also demonstrated how to prepare PBR which is the main responsibility of BMC along with conservation and sustainable use of bio-resources.

A few photographs of awareness workshop at Bodoland University



Speech by Scientific Officer, Dr. Oinam Sunanda Devi



Invited guests and participants



Dr. Mazedul Islam delivering lecture on PBR

Report on the Online quiz competition held by Assam State Biodiversity Board on the occasion of International day for biological diversity, 22nd May, 2022.

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Group A consisted of students of Class 6-8.

Group B consisted of students of Class 9-12.

A total of 68 students registered for the competition from different schools of Assam.

List of registered participants

Sl. No.	Name of the participant	Name of School/ College	Group
1.	Angaraag Vachyas	Axel Public School	Group A
2.	Ankuron Borah	Axel Public School	Group A
3.	Ashwin Dey	Axel Public School	Group A
4.	Daipayan Dutta	Axel Public School	Group A
5.	gahteef ahmed	shiksha niketan	Group A
6.	Hirak Jyoti Borah	Meragarh.n.dev.h.s.school	Group A
7.	Jay	Axel Public School	Group A
8.	Krishanu KR. Sarma	Axel public school, Lokhra	Group A
9.	Kushal Saha	Axel Public School	Group A
10.	Master Saptarshi Das	South Point School	Group A
11.	Pallab Borgohain	Axel public school	Group A
12.	Piyush Tarat	Axel public school	Group A
13.	Rangana kashyap	Axel public school	Group A
14.	Rituporna Dey	Axel Public School	Group A
15.	Rythm Roy	Axel public school	Group A
16.	Saanvi Jaiswal	Axel public school	Group A
17.	Saharsh jha	Axel public school	Group A
18.	SAJAL JAIN	Agra public school	Group A
19.	Sashank saha	South point school, guwahati	Group A
20.	Shashank Kalita	South Point School	Group A
21.	Sparshmoni Sinha	Axel Public School	Group A
22.	Sri Hirak jyoti	Meragarh N. Dev. H. S. School	Group A
23.	Sri Manash protim	Meragarh N. Dev h.s.	Group A

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24.	Srijita Ukil	Axel Public school	Group A
25.	Tulsi Rani	Adarsh Vidyalaya Barkhetri	Group A
26.	Riddhi Shivam	Axel Public School	Group A
27.	Jay Singh	Axel Public School	Group A
28.	Harshit tiwari	Axel public school	Group A
29.	JYOTIRMOY KASHYAP	Axel Public School	Group A
30.	Aaditya Sarma	Axel public school	Group A
31.	KESHAV Mishra	Axel public school	Group A
32.	Kailash Das	Maragarh Narayan Dev Higher secondary school	Group A
33.	Ishaan kalita	Axel public school,lokhra	Group A
34.	Pragyan Sarma	Axel Public School	Group A
35.	Sunity kumari	Axel public school	Group A
36.	Reet Ranjit Gogoi	Axel Public School	Group A
37.	Pragati Rajkumari	Axel Public School	Group A
38.	Keshav Mishra	Axel public school	Group A
39.	Jay Singh	Axel Public School	Group A
40.	Saharsh kumar jha	Axel public school	Group A
41.	UTPAL MEDHI	Jalkhana Bhatuakhana High School	Group A
42.	TARALI KALITA	Jalkhana Bhatuakhana High School	Group A
43.	SHOVASHRI DEVI	Jalkhana Bhatuakhana High School	Group A
44.	SAMAR PATHAK	Jalkhana Bhatuakhana High School	Group A
45.	Aditya Gupta	Shiksha Niketan	Group A
46.	ANUSHKA NATH	Maharishi Vidya Mandir 4	Group A
47.	Priyajit Kundu	South Point School	Group A
48.	Mercy Madhukul	Axel Public School	Group A
49.	Chakrika Cynthia Borah	Sanskriti The Gurukul	Group A
50.	Binit	Vidyanchal the school	Group B
51.	Niyor Kashyap	Kendriya Vidyalaya, Rangia	Group B
52.	Arnab dey	Lanka senior secondary school	Group B
53.	Rikiraj Kalita	Kanimara High school	Group B
54.	Tanisha Deka	Gurukul grammar ss school	Group B
55.	Narendra Saikia	Karhalgaon Bapuji high school	Group B


56.	Sri Bitu Borah	Meragarh Narayan Dev Higher Secondary School	Group B
57.	Bhargab Saikia	Meragarh Narayan Dev Higher Secondary School	Group B
58.	Harshita Deka	Vidyanchal The School	Group B
59.	Sruti Choudhary	Axel public school	Group B
60.	Om Kashyap	Meragarh Narayandev H. S. School.	Group B
61.	Sayan Maity	Nimpith Ramkrishna Vidyabhavan	Group B
62.	Pragati Rajkumari	Axel Public School	Group B
63.	Sahil Mahammad Saberin	Pub kamrup collage	Group B
64.	KARAN KALITA	NALANDA PUBLIC SCHOOL	Group B
65.	DHRITIMANI TALUKDAR	Jalkhana Bathuakhana High School	Group B
66.	BISMITA SARMA	Jalkhana Bathuakhana High School	Group B
67.	PRANITA KALITA	Jalkhana Bathuakhana High School	Group B
68.	Ananya Sarma	Axel Public School, Guwahati	Group B

Preliminary round for both the groups was conducted on 18th May 2022. Preliminary round had 25 questions of different aspects of biodiversity and was conducted online. The questions were of MCQ type. For both the groups (A & B) six participants were selected based on the scorings in preliminary round. The lists of selected candidates are as follows:




Name	Group
Pragyan Sarma	A
Anushka Nath	A
Harshit Tiwari	A
Ashwin Dey	A
Sashank Saha	A
Reet Ranjit Gogoi	A
Karan Kalita	B
Narendra Saikia	B
Ananya Sarma	B
Rikiraj Kalita	B
Pragati Rajkumari	B

The final round was organized on 19 May 2022, through zoom platform. The final consisted of 5 rounds. Based on the performance in the final quiz, 3 participants from each group were adjudged winners.

The name of the winner of Group A



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GROUP A: CLASS VI - VIII

		
Pragyana Sarma Class VIII Axel Public School, Beltola	Ashwin Dey Class VIII Axel Public School, Beltola	Harshit Tiwari Class VI Axel Public School, Beltola

The name of the winner of Group B



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GROUP B: CLASS IX - XII

		
Narendra Saikia Class X Karhalgaon Bapuji High School, Majuli	Karan Kalita Class IX Nalanda Public School, Nalbari	Pragati Rajkumari Class IX Axel Public School, Beltola

Annexure-3

Photo walk for documenting urban biodiversity at Assam State Zoo cum Botanical Garden on 20th May, 2022

The Assam State Biodiversity Board in collaboration with the Assam State Zoo cum Botanical Garden conducted a Photo walk to document the urban biodiversity on 20th May, 2022, as a part of celebration of the International Day for Biological Diversity, 2022. The walk was conducted at the Assam State Zoo cum Botanical Garden.

The photo walk was aimed at creating awareness amongst the youths about urban biodiversity. For public participation, the registration link via Google form was generated and advertised on 11th May 2022. A flyer for the same was also circulated in all the social media platforms for participation. The age group for participation was kept between 18-30 years. The maximum capacity was 30 participants, on first come serve basis. Despite unfavourable weather conditions, eighteen participants attended the event, out of 30 registrations, belonging to different institutions including Gauhati University and Cotton University.

The photo walk started with a welcome address by Dr. Ashwini Kumar (IFS), Divisional Forest Officer, Assam State Zoo cum Botanical Garden, on the importance of biodiversity. The walk started at about 8 am and continued till 11 am. During the walk, the participants documented various flora and fauna. Some participants photographed different plants and animals, while other documented them on their notebooks. The expert helped the participants with the identification of birds, butterflies, mammals and plants. Accordingly, checklists were prepared for all the biodiversity that were observed.

Table 1: Checklist of some of the Flora that were recorded from the Photo walk

Sl. No.	Assamese Name	Common Name	Scientific Name
1.	AamGos	Mango	<i>Mangifera indica</i>
2.	Kathanda-phul	Crape Jasmine	<i>Tabernaemontana divaricata</i>
3.	Nahor	Indian Rose Chestnut	<i>Mesua ferrea</i>
4.	Gandh-birina	West Indian Lemon Grass	<i>Cymbopogon citratus</i>
5.	KhuturaXaak	Slender amaranth	<i>Amaranthus viridis</i>
6.	Kothal	Jackfruit	<i>Artocarpus heterophyllus</i>
7.	Sonaru	Golden shower	<i>Cassia fistula</i>
8.	-	Oakleaf fern	<i>Aglaomorpha quercifolia</i>

9.	Krishnasura	Flame-of-the-forest	<i>Delonix regia</i>
10.	Jati bah	Bamboo	<i>Bambusa tulda</i>
11.	MamoiTamul	Areca Palm	<i>Dyopsis lutescens</i>
12.	Kagaj-phul	Great bougainvillea	<i>Bougainvillea spectabilis</i>
13.	Narasingha	Curry Leaf Tree	<i>Murraya koenigii</i>
14.	Khaajur	Date Palm	<i>Phoenix dactylifera</i>
15.	Segun	Teak	<i>Tectona grandis</i>
16.	Sirish-goch	Rain Tree	<i>Albizia saman</i>
17.	-	Tailed maidenhair	<i>Adiantum caudatum</i>
18.	-	American climbing fern	<i>Lygodium palmatum</i>
19.	Titasopa	Champak	<i>Magnolia champaca</i>
20.	Debadaru	False ashoka	<i>Polyalthia longifolia</i>
21.	Poma	Mountain Cedar	<i>Toona ciliata</i>
22.	MuktojhuriPatra-manjori	Indian acalypha	<i>Acalypha indica</i>
23.		Hairy crabgrass	<i>Digitaria sanguinalis</i>
24.	Bogakachu	Chinese Taro	<i>Alocasia cucullata</i>
25.	SonaliBaah	Bamboo	<i>Bambusa vulgaris</i>
26.	Sotiana	Devil's Tree	<i>Alstonia scholaris</i>
27.	Karach-goch	Indian beech	<i>Pongamia pinnata</i>
28.	Ahotgoch	Sacred Fig Tree	<i>Ficus religiosa</i>
29.	Bot goch	Banyan Tree	<i>Ficus benghalensis</i>
30.	Kodom	Burflower-tree	<i>Neolamarckia cadamba</i>
31.	Bhomora	Bedda nut tree	<i>Terminalia bellirica</i>
32.	Ejar	Queen's crepe-myrtle	<i>Lagerstroemia speciosa</i>
33.	Radhachura	Pink Cassia	<i>Cassia renigera</i>
34.	Boga-kopou-phul	Orchid	<i>Aerides odorata</i>
35.	Bahpotia bon	Running mountaingrass	<i>Oplismenus compositus</i>
36.	Amar lota	Climbing hemp vine	<i>Mikania micrantha</i>
37.	Bon guti	Love Grass	<i>Chrysopogon aciculatus</i>
38.	Guphool	Common lantana	<i>Lantana camara</i>
39.	Bhedailota	Stinkvine	<i>Paederia foetida</i>
40.	Sewali	Night-flowering jasmine	<i>Nyctanthes arbor-tristis</i>
41.	Koroi	White siris	<i>Albizia procera</i>
42.	Bokul	Spanish Cherry	<i>Mimusops elengi</i>
43.	Narikol	Coconut	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>

Table 2: Checklist of some of the Fauna that were recorded from the Photo walk

SI No.	Taxa group	Common Name	Scientific Name
1	Bird	Indian pond heron	<i>Ardeolagravii</i>
2	Bird	Black kite	<i>Milvusmigrans</i>
3	Reptile	Tockay gecko	<i>Gecko gecko</i>
4	Bird	House crow	<i>Corvussplendens</i>
5	Bird	Large-billed crow	<i>Corvusmacrorhynchus</i>
6	Butterfly	Common grass yellow	<i>Euremahecabe</i>
7	Butterfly	Common palm fly	<i>Elymniashypermnestra</i>
8	Butterfly	Psyche	<i>Leptosianina</i>
9	Bird	Rose-ringed parakeet	<i>Psittaculakrameri</i>
10	Bird	Lineated barbet	<i>Psilopogonlineatus</i>
11	Bird	Cattle egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
12	Butterfly	Common emigrant	<i>Catopsiliapomona</i>
13	Bird	Greater Adjutant Stork	<i>Leptoptilosdubius</i>
14	Bird	Lesser Adjutant Stork	<i>Leptoptilosjavanicus</i>
15	Butterfly	Cabbage white	<i>Pierisrapae</i>
16	Butterfly	Yellow orangetip	<i>Ixias pyrene</i>
17	Butterfly	Common mormon	<i>Papiliopolytes</i>
18	Mammal	Barking deer	<i>Muntiacusmuntjak</i>
19	Bird	White-throated kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>
20	Butterfly	Common crow	<i>Euploea core</i>
21	Butterfly	Common evening brown	<i>Melanitisleda</i>
22	Butterfly	Common five ring	<i>Ypthimabaldus</i>
23	Bird	Black-rumpedflameback	<i>Dinopiumbenghalense</i>
24	Mammal	Hoary bellied squirrel	<i>Callosciuruspygerythrus</i>
25	Butterfly	Common nawab	<i>Polyuraathamas</i>
26	Bird	Common myna	<i>Acridotherestrictis</i>
27	Insect	Harvestman	<i>Opiliones sp.</i>
28	Bird	White-breasted waterhen	<i>Amaurornisphoenicurus</i>
29	Bird	Asainkoel	<i>Eudynamysscolopaceus</i>
30	Butterfly	Lime butterfly	<i>Papiliodemoleus</i>
31	Bird	Spotted dove	<i>Streptopeliachinensis</i>
32	Butterfly	Lemon pansy	<i>Junonialemonias</i>
33	Bird	Blue-throated barbet	<i>Psilopogonasiaticus</i>
34	Butterfly	Common bush brown	<i>Mycalesisperseus</i>
35	Butterfly	Common striped tiger	<i>Danausgenutia</i>
36	Bird	Indian cuckoo	<i>Cuculusmicropterus</i>
37	Bird	Little cormorant	<i>Microcarboniger</i>
38	Spider	Argiope sp.	<i>Argiope sp.</i>

Photo gallery



Group photo of participants with Dr. Ashwini Kumar, DFO, Assam State Biodiversity Board



Participants observing birds and butterflies during the event

Photo: (a) Common crow, (b) Lime, (c) Black-rumped flameback, (d) Gulmohar, (e) Common myna, (f) Argiope spider, (g) Fungi, (h) Indian pond heron



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A REPORT
ON
PLANTATION OF ENDEMIC FRUIT PLANTS
Organised as a part of the celebration of
International Day for Biodiversity Board, 2022

Assam State Biodiversity Board (ASBB) has celebrated International Day for Biological Diversity, 2022 in collaboration with National Biodiversity Authority (NBA). The theme for this year's celebration is "Building a share future for all life".

This year, National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) and MoEFCC have identified 7 actions to be undertaken by the all State Biodiversity Boards (SBBs) and Union Territory Biodiversity Council (UTBCs) as a part of the celebration of International day For Biological Diversity. As per these 7 Actions; ASBB has organised the plantation program of endemic fruit plants on 21st May, 2022 in different Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) of Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC).

A total of eight (8) BMCs from Karbi Anglong organized this plantation program. BMC members from all BMCs along with school students, teachers, women, local villagers and staff from Forest department took active participation in this program.

The following BMCs have participated in the plantation program:

Sl.no.	Name of BMC	District	Forest Division	Forest Range
1	Eastern Range, Bokajan BMC	Karbi Anglong	East Division	Eastern range, Bokajan
2	Dalamara BMC	Karbi Anglong	East Division	Northern Range, Dalamara
3	North-Eastern, Silonijan BMC	Karbi Anglong	East Division	North Eastern Range, Silonijan
4	Dokmoka BMC	Karbi Anglong	East Division	Western Range, Dokmoka
5	Diphu BMC	Karbi Anglong	West Division	Central Range
6	Barlangfer BMC	Karbi Anglong	West division	Western Range
7	Langpher BMC	Karbi Anglong	West division	Northern Range, Phonglokpet
8	Rangapahar BMC	Karbi Anglong	West division	Eastern Range, Rangapahar

**BMC wise photographs of “Plantation of Endemic Fruit plants”
at Karbi Anglong District, Assam**



Photo: Barlangfer BMC, West Division, Karbi Anglong



Photo: Diphu BMC, West Division, Karbi Anglong



Photo: Langfer BMC, West Division, Karbi Anglong



Photo: Rangapahar BMC, West Division, Karbi Anglong



Photo: Dokmoka BMC, East Division, Karbi Anglong



Photo: Dolamara BMC, East Division, Karbi Anglong



Photo: Silonijan BMC, East Division, Karbi Anglong



Photo: Bokajan BMC, East Division, Karbi Anglong

**National and State-level events on the International Day for
Biological Diversity, May 22, 2022**

**Participation in national event at the National Biodiversity Authority,
Chennai**

The Assam State Biodiversity Board participated at the national event organized by the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA), Chennai. The event was graced by the presence of Hon'ble Union Minister, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Shri Bhupendra Yadav, Hon'ble Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey. The Resident Representative of



Visit of Hon'ble Union Minister Shri Bhupendra Yadav felicitated with a phulam gamosa and a rhino souvenir by Member Secretary – ASBB

UNDP – India, the Secretary to the MoEFCC and other senior officials also participated in the event. Besides dignitaries, Chairpersons and Member Secretaries of 28 State Biodiversity Boards and 8 Union Territory Biodiversity Councils, Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC)

members and representatives from stakeholder organizations from different parts of the country also attended the event.



Hon'ble Minister of State, Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey felicitated by a phulam gamosa and a xorai by Member Secretary – ASBB

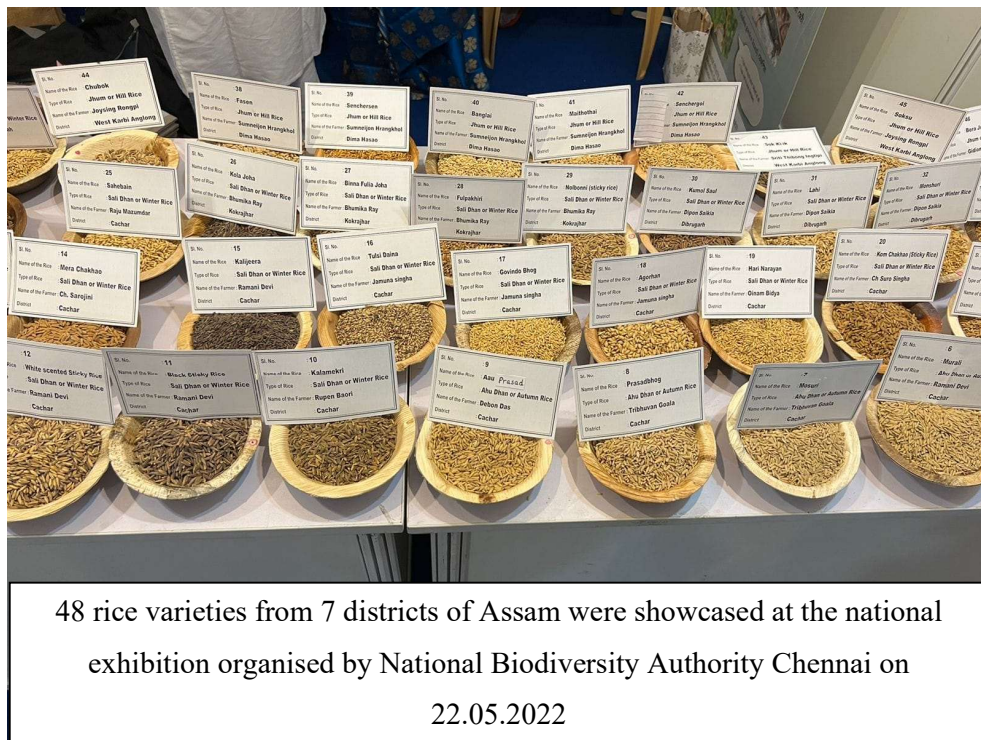
Several State Biodiversity Boards including Assam, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, and Gujarat showcased their products at the exhibition in Chennai. At the event, Hon'ble Union Minister, Shri Yadav also announced the Indian Biodiversity Award and winners of the national level competition organized by the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) on May 5, and launched the fourth cycle of biodiversity Samrakshan Internship Programme.

The theme of the exhibition at the event was 'Biodiversity, Nutritional Security and Human wellbeing'. The Assam State Biodiversity Board also participated at the event.

The attendees from Assam State Biodiversity Board were:

- i. Shri K. S. P. V. Pavan Kumar (Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Biodiversity & Climate Change) and Member Secretary – ASBB)
- ii. Dr Oinam Sunanda Devi (Scientific Officer - ASBB)
- iii. Smt. Sanalembi Devi (Women BMC member, Sonai Anchalik BMC, Cachar)
- iv. Mr. Sanjit Langthasa (Member Secretary, Maibang BMC, Dima Hasao)
- v. Mr. Devison Terang (Chairman, Dalamara BMC, Karbi Anglong)

The Assam State Biodiversity Board participated in the exhibition and hosted a stall which displayed a diverse range of biological resources at the event. Forty-eight varieties of rice from seven districts of Assam were displayed along with various plants and seeds of medicinal and traditional significance. The stall by ASBB was visited by Hon'ble Union Minister, Shri. Bhupendra Yadav and Hon'ble Minister of State Shri. Ashwini Kumar Choubey and various other dignitaries and participants at the national event.



48 rice varieties from 7 districts of Assam were showcased at the national exhibition organised by National Biodiversity Authority Chennai on 22.05.2022



Glimpse of the official meeting held at the National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai



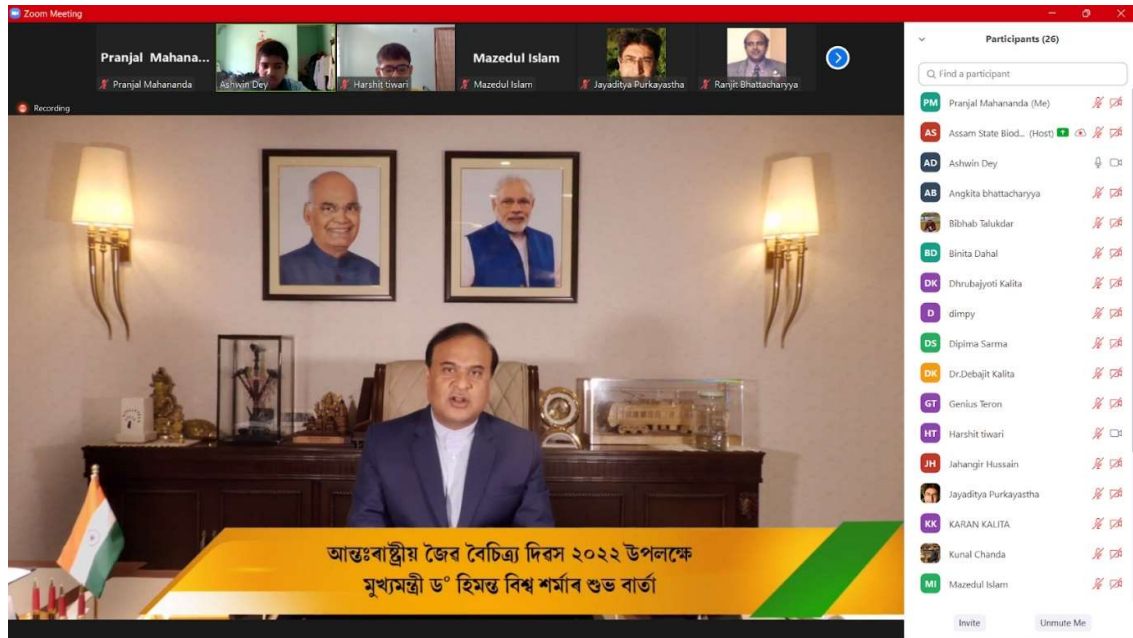
Scientific Officer – ASBB with three BMC members and Secretary,
National Biodiversity Authority, Shri Justin Mohan



Stall of Assam State Biodiversity Board at the national event cum exhibition at National Biodiversity Authority

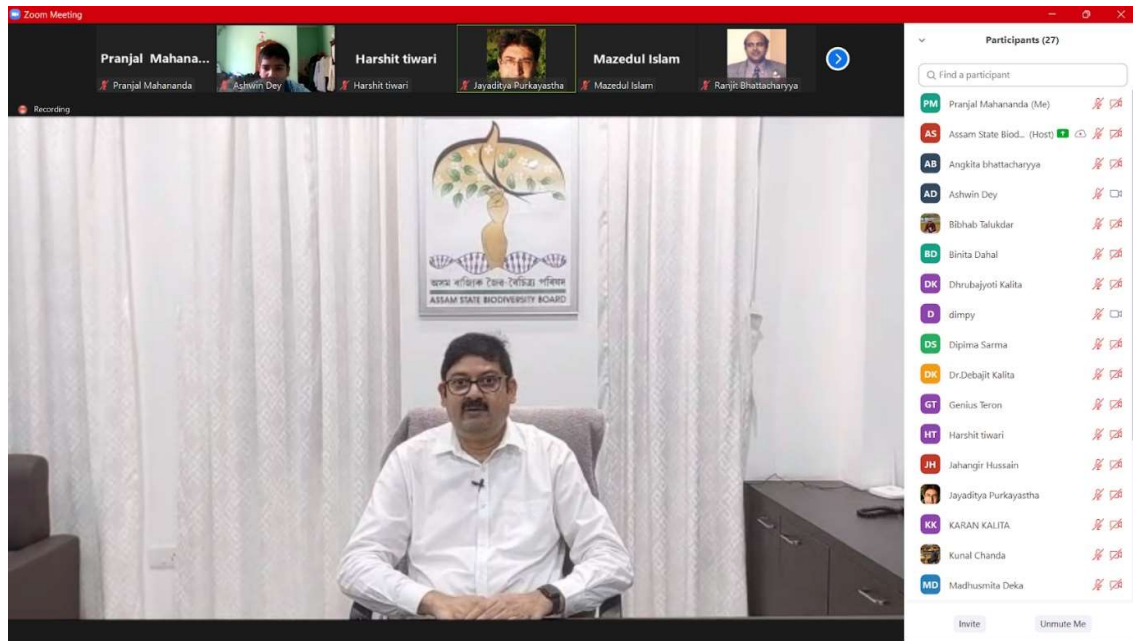
State level event online hosted at the headquarters, Assam State Biodiversity Board

The event started with inaugural welcome address by Dr Mazedul Islam (Technical Officer - ASBB) who briefly highlighted the key efforts and progress during the current year by ASBB. This was followed by the message of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam, Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma to the people of Assam. He spoke on the significance of the event and listed the achievements of the Assam Govt. to notify Hajong Turtle Pond in Dima Hasao district and Borjuli of Sonitpur district as Biodiversity Heritage Sites. He further mentioned that through the efforts Assam State Biodiversity Board, the Assam Government will take more such steps towards biodiversity protection and conservation.



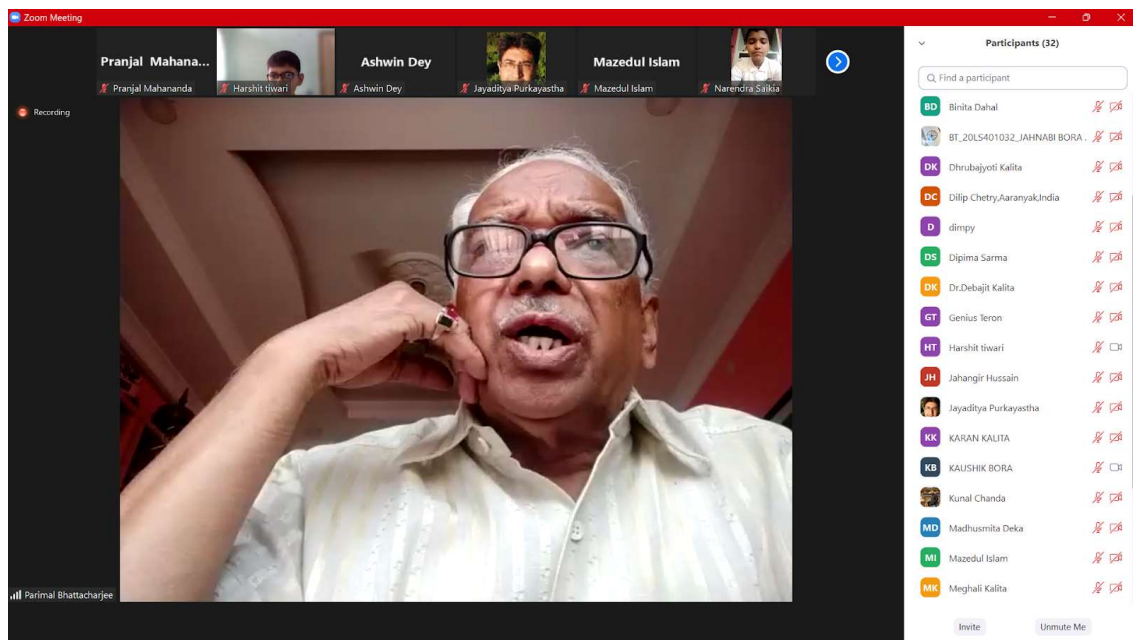
Official message by Hon'ble Chief Minister, Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma

The Honourable CM's message was followed by the introductory speech by Shri K. S. P. V. Pavan Kumar, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Biodiversity & Climate Change). The Chief Guest of the event was Dr P. C. Bhattacharjee (Retd. Professor, Gauhati University and



Introductory speech by Shri K. S. P. V. Pavan Kumar, IFS, Members Secretary-ASBB

Expert Member - ASBB) and he delivered an address of the significance of International Day of Biological Diversity. This was followed by the address of Guest of Honour, Dr Bibhab Talukdar (CEO, Aaranyak and Expert Member - ASBB).

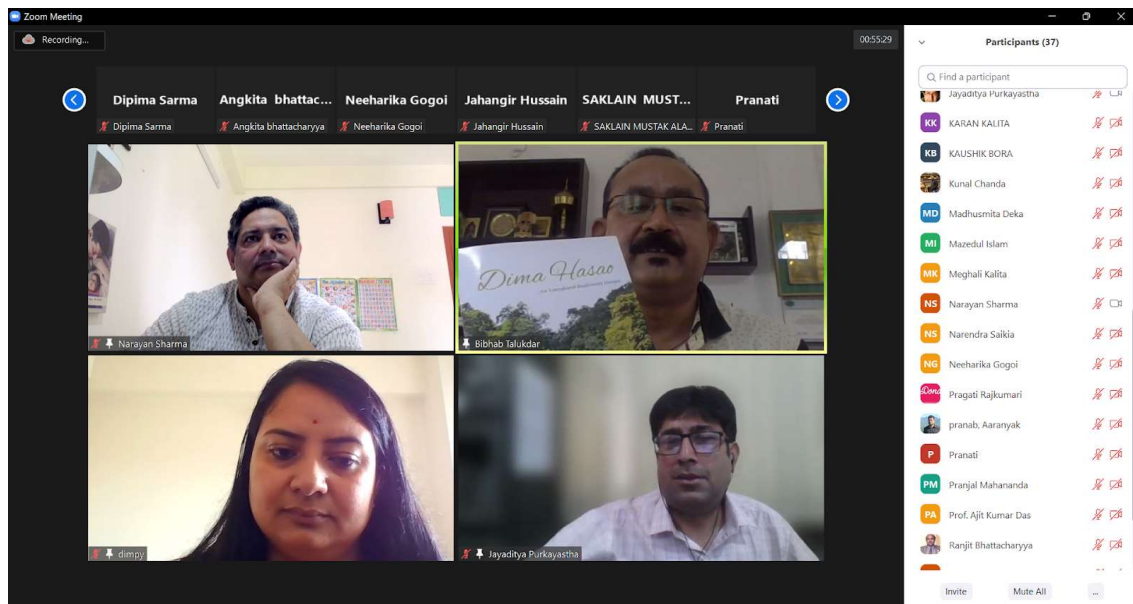


Address by Chief Guest Dr Parimal Chandra Bhattacharjee



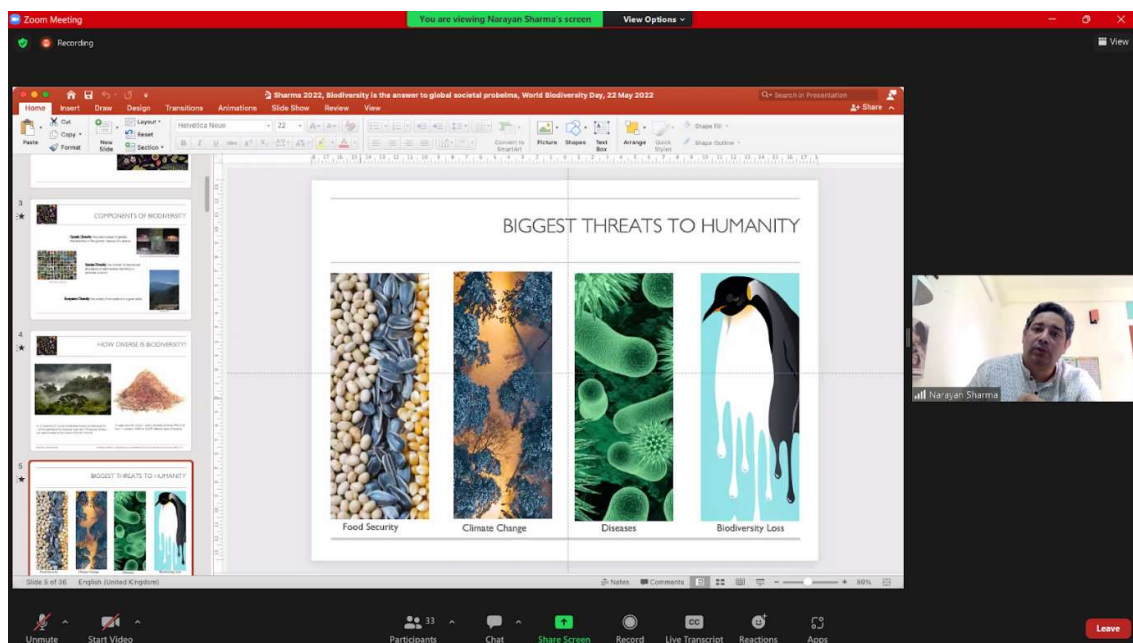
Presentation by Guest of Honour Dr Bibhab Talukdar

A booklet on biodiversity of Dima Hasao namely ‘Dima Hasao – An Unexplored Biodiversity Hotspot’ was released wherein the rich biodiversity of Dima Hasao has been showcased.



Booklet ‘Dima Hasao – An Unexplored Biodiversity Board’ release during the event by Guest of Honour and Keynote presenters

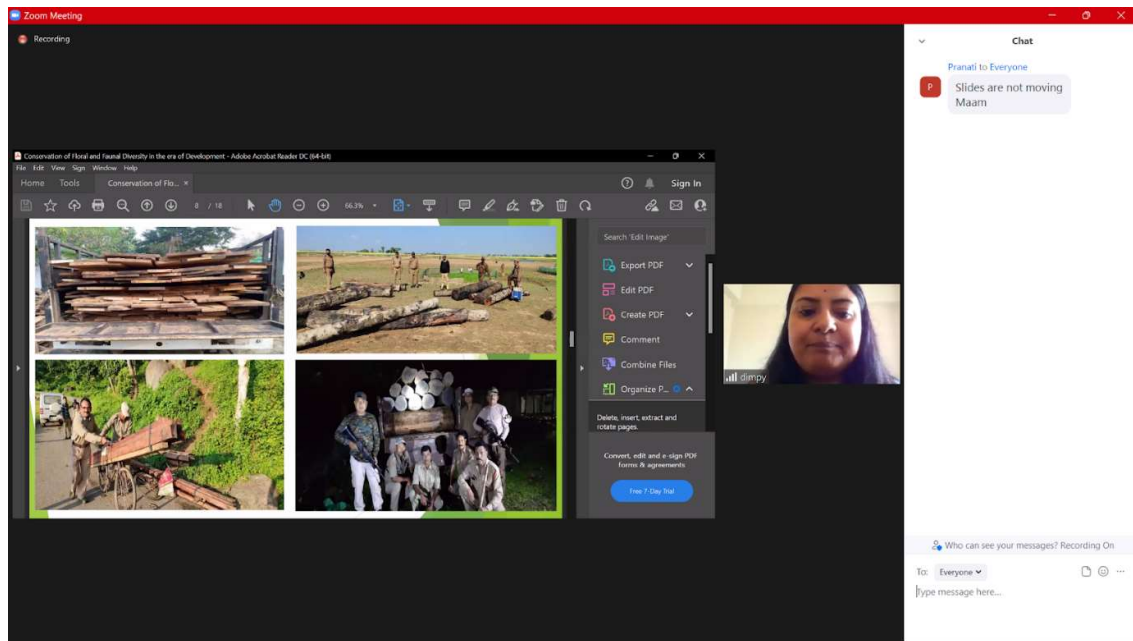
The book release was followed by two keynote lectures. Dr Narayan Sharma (Assistant Professor, Cotton University) delivered the first keynote titled, 'Biodiversity is the answer to global societal problem'. He gave an insightful presentation on the concepts of biodiversity and provided a global overview of how biodiversity and societal problems such as food security, climate change – carbon-dioxide and other GHG emissions, and mental health are intricately interlinked. He then also provided some solutions to these problems, nature-based solutions are key to address these problems.



Keynote presentation by Dr Narayan Sharma

The second keynote was delivered by Smt. Dimpi Bora, IFS (DFO, Kamrup West Division) on 'Conservation of floral and faunal diversity in the era of development'. She provided an overview of habitat and biological diversity of Assam, and the reasons for loss of biodiversity such as over-exploitation of natural environment, pollution, climate change and introduction of invasive species. She then discussed, in detail, the probable solutions to the problems of biodiversity – enhancement of the existing protected area network, promotion of biodiversity conservation

and awareness generation amongst masses, sustainable use of bioresources, documentation and research, promoting sustainable eco-tourism and tightening the existing laws and punishments for violation of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, Forest Conservation Act, 1980.



Keynote presentation by Smt. Dimpi Bora

The keynote lectures were followed by the announcement of results of the quiz contest organized by the ASBB during 18th and 19th of May. This was followed by the vote of thanks by Dr Jayaditya Purkayastha (PBR Consultant, ASBB) leading to the formal conclusion of the state level programme.



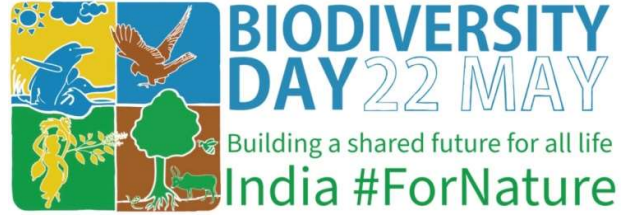
Programme Schedule
Time: 11.00am to 1.30 pm

Time	Programme	Speakers
11.00am - 11.05am	Welcome Address	Dr. Mazedul Islam, Technical Officer-ASBB
11.05am -11.15 am	Message of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam on the theme of Bioday 2022	Video Telecast
11.15am -11.30 am	Introductory Speech	By K.S.P.V. Pavan Kumar, IFS, Addl. PCCF (Biodiversity & CC) & Member Secretary-ASBB (Video)
11.30 am -11.45 am	Address by Chief Guest	Dr. PC Bhattacharjee, Retd. Professor, GU & Expert Member-ASBB
11.45 am -12.00 Pm	Address by Guest of Honour	Dr. Bibhab Talukdar, CEO-Aaranyak and Expert Member-ASBB
12.05 pm -12.15 pm	Release of a Booklet- Dima Hasao: an unexplored biodiversity hotspot	By Dignitaries (Online) and brief on the booklet by Chief Guest/Guest of Honour
12.15pm -12.45 pm	Keynote lecture 1- Biodiversity is the answer to global societal problem	Dr. Narayan Sharma, Assistant Professor, Cotton University
12.45 pm- 1.15 pm	Keynote lecture 2- Conservation of Flora and Fauna in the era of Development	Dimpi Bora, IFS, DFO Kamrup West
1.15 Pm to 1.25 pm	Announcement of result of the online state level quiz competition for school children	Dr. Jayaditya Purkayatha, PBR Consultant-ASBB
1.25 pm to 1.30pm	Vote of thanks	Dr. Jayaditya Purkayatha, PBR Consultant-ASBB
<p align="center">Weblink time: 22nd May, 2022, 11.00 am, India, Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88571143759?pwd=UjgxZzhEZEZlZEtFNWlLO9RYVZnUT09 Meeting ID: 88571143759 Passcode: 428445</p>		

Moderator: Dr. Jayaditya Purkayastha, PBR Consultant-ASBB



Programme Schedule of the state level event on International Day for Biological Diversity,
May 22, 2022



**A REPORT
ON
Seed Collection Competition and Exhibition
Organised as a part of the celebration of
International Day for Biodiversity Board, 2022**

Organized By

**Assam State Biodiversity Board in collaboration with Aaranyak
and National Biodiversity Board (NBA)**



Aaranyak

Introduction:

Assam State Biodiversity Board (ASBB) has celebrated International Day for Biological Diversity, 2022 in collaboration with National Biodiversity Authority (NBA). The theme for this year's celebration is "Building a share future for all life".

This year, National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) and MoEFCC have identified 7 actions to be undertaken by the all State Biodiversity Boards (SBBs) and Union Territory Biodiversity Council (UTBCs) as a part of the celebration of International day For Biological Diversity. The Board has organized a "Seed Competition and Exhibition" for local communities and students at Chandrasing Rongpi Memorial High School, Kohora, Karbi Anglong on 22nd May 2022 in collaboration with Aaranyak, a renowned NGO of Assam. This exhibition cum competition was implemented as per the 7 actions identified by MoEFCC and NBA.

A total of 87 participants (farmers and students) from 27 villages in the Kohora and Diffolu River Basin participated in the competition which was organized for the first time in the region. The event was jointly inaugurated by the Dr. Jatindra Sharma, Park Director of Kaziranga National Park, Mr. Ramesh Kumar Gogoi, DFO-Kaziranga National Park, and Mr. Dhruvajyoti Nath, Additional Superintendent of Police in presence of Raising Rongpi, Sarkari Gaonbura, Chandrasing Rongpi village.

The competition was organized in three categories i.e., 1) Farmers, 2) Students (senior) and 3) Students (Junior); also, cash award given to the top three participants of each category. Around 170 different local seeds were displayed by the participants of the competition, which are mainly cultivated in hilly terrain and in Jhum fields. Out of these species, there are around 20 land races of rice, 18 variety of pulses, 7 variety of oil seeds, 85 varieties of vegetables, 15 fruits species and 2 varieties of millets and 5 types of corn and maize were displayed by the participants.

Few glimpses of the Seed Collection Competition and Exhibition Program

