## Celebration of INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2012

- 1. The International day for Biological Diversity was celebrated on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2012 at Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra, 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 "Marine Biodiversity".
- 4. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam, Shri Tarun Gogoi was the Chief Guest and the Hon'ble Minister of Environment and Forests, Shri Rakibul Hussain was the Guest Honour in the function along with Parliamentary Secretary, Environment and Forests, Shri Abu Taher Bepari. The other delegates on the dais include the PCCF & HoFF, Shri V. K. Vishnoi, PCCF-Wildlife, Shri S. Chand, Principal Secretary, Environment & Forests, Shri Saraswati Prasad and CCF-Biodiversity & Member Secretary, Assam State Biodiversity Board, Shri Abhay Kumar Johari.
- 5. The function was also attended by Senior officials of all the Government departments, representatives from Gauhati University, other Educational Institutions, NGOs, Presidents and Members of Anchalik Panchayats of Kamrup district, School childrens and local people.
- 6. More than 300 people attended the function in addition to the government officials.
- 7. The main events of the function were distribution of saplings of Rudraksh tree by Chief Minister to School Children, release of Assam State Biodiversity Board logo and a bilingual booklet on Biological Diversity Act 2002 and Assam Biodiversity Rules 2010 by Chief Minister, Shri Tarun Gogoi.
- 8. A short documentary film on Biological Diversity Act 2002 was also produced and screened during the function.
- 9. The other events of the function include a slide presentation of the Biodiversity Act in Assamese by the Member Secretary, Assam State Biodiversity Board, Shri Abhay Kumar Johari and distribution of registration certificates and mementos to the newly constituted 14 Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) of Kamrup district by Chief Minister.

## **Few Photographs of the Event**



Address by Chief Minister at the Event



Address by Forest Minister at the Event



Distribution of Sapling by Chief Minister



Forest Minister Planting a Sapling



Inaugural Lighting by Chief Minister



Release of ASBB Logo by Chief Minister



Delegates on the Dias



Release of a bilingual book on BD Act 2002 & Rules by CM



CM distributing certificates to Newly constituted BMCs



CM, Forest Minister and Parliamentary Secretary with School Children at the Event



Member Secretary Presenting a talk on Biodiversity



Delegates attending the Function