

International Day for Biological Diversity Celebration

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A Report



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The Assam State Biodiversity Board celebrated the “International Day for Biological Diversity” on 22nd May, 2017 on the theme of “Biodiversity and Sustainable Tourism” at the Office of Divisional Forest Officer, Parbatjhora Division, Suparighat, Kokrajhar 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. Sri R. C. Goswami, IFS (Rtd.), Expert Member-ASBB was the Chief Guest of the function.

The other dignitaries on the dais included Sri D. Mathur IFS, Chairman - Assam State Biodiversity Board, Sri A. Swargowary IFS, Addl. PCCF & Council Head of Department, Forests, BTAD, Sri Jaideep Baruah, Senior Scientific Officer & Head In-Charge, Environment Division, Assam State Technology & Environment Council (ASTECH) and Dr. C. Ramesh IFS, Divisional Forest Officer, Parbatjhora Division.



Lighting of Lamp by Sri A. Swargowary

Sri D. Mathur IFS welcomed the guests and the gathering. Sri Jaideep Baruah, Senior Scientific Officer, ASTEC made an introductory address explaining the significance of the theme of the function: “Biodiversity and Sustainable Tourism”. Sri R.C. Goswami, IFS (Rtd.) Expert Member-ASBB gave a Chief Guest address.



Address by Chief Guest Shri RC Goswami, IFS (Rtd.)

The function was also attended by Conservator of Forests, all local Divisional Forest Officers, Assistant Conservator of Forests and Range Forest officers of the Forests Department. Representatives of Educational institutions, NGOs, President & Members of Village Council Development Committees (V CDC), Joint Forest Management Committee (JFMC) members, Gaonburahs and Members of Biodiversity Management Committees, Officers of Army, CRPF & BSF, School children and local people.



Participants of the event

As a part of the celebration, drawing, painting, slogan writing and essay writing competition were organized among the school children for generating awareness amongst the school children on 13th & 15th May 2017. Over 3062 school children from 57 different government school participated in the competitions.



Student Participating in Drawing Competitions

Main events of the function included:

1. **Address by Dignitaries:** Sri R.C. Goswami, IFS (Rtd.), Expert Member-ASBB, Sri D. Mathur IFS, Chairman - Assam State Biodiversity Board and Sri. Jaideep Baruah, Senior Scientific Officer & Head In-Charge, Environment Division, Assam State Technology & Environment Council (ASTECC). Master Arman Rounak S. of Class V, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Panbari gave an excellent speech on Biodiversity Conservation.

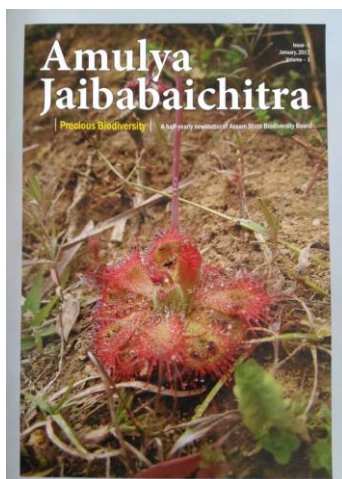


Speech by Sri Jaideep Baruah



Speech by Master Arman Rounak Sarkar

2. Release of Newsletter: The first issue of ASBB's biannual Newsletter titled "Amulya Jaibabaichitra" was released by Sri D. Mathur IFS, Chairman, ASBB.



Release of ASBB Newsletter by Sri D. Mathur

3. Distribution of Prizes: The Drawing and Painting Competitions were conducted for Class I to V -Lower Primary (LP) School and Class VI- VIII – Middle Education (ME) School; Slogan Writing and Essay Writing competitions were conducted for ME and High School (Class IX – XII). More than 3000 students from 57 schools participated in the competitions. The details of participants and prizes distributed are as follows:



Student receiving prizes from dignitaries

Competition	Total Participants	Level	Prizes
Drawing	1057	LP	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd & Consolation Prizes
		ME	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd & Consolation Prizes
Painting	709	LP	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd & Consolation Prizes
		ME	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd & Consolation Prizes
Essay Writing			
a) Assamese	364	ME	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Prizes
		High	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Prizes
b) Bodo	81	ME	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Prizes
		High	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Prizes
c) English	24	ME	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Prizes
		High	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Prizes

Slogan Writing			
a) Assamese	562	ME	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Prizes
		High	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Prizes
b) Bodo	143	ME	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Prizes
		High	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Prizes
c) Bengali	7	High	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Prizes
d) Hindi	8	High	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Prizes
e) English	113	ME	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Prizes
		High	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Prizes
Total	3062		58 Prizes

4. Plantation: After the main event, ceremonial plantation was done by invited guests, forest officials and local villagers.



Plantation by villagers & other officials

5. Seeds & Seedling Distribution: The programme ended with the free distribution of rare species of seedlings in a biodegradable non-oven cloth bag and seeds of valuable trees species were distributed in packets to the general public.



Seeds & plant saplings distribution

Photo Gallery



IDB, 2017 Celebration Team



Winners of different competitions

Invitation, advertisement and celebration news on local media

