

Know more about Aaranyak's activities during February 2017

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February was a month of glory

We are extremely happy to share the news of Aaranyak receiving the prestigious accolade of “Best Scientific Institution in Assam” under the category of “State Awards for Scientific Excellence, 2017” for promoting scientific research in Assam, conferred by the Science & Technology Department, Government of Assam.



Read on for details of all our other activities during February





Environment Education Workshop in Pakke Tiger Reserve

Arif Hussain, Senior Project Officer of Conservation and Ranen Basumatary, Project Consultant, CE took part in a 5 day long workshop on "Environmental Education" organized by NCF in Pakke Tiger reserve, Arunachal Pradesh, held from 24th to 28th January, 2017.



Celebration of World Wetland Day

Aaranyak celebrated "World Wetland Day 2017" in Panbari, Chirang- which lies in the fringes of Manas National Park with 300 school children, teachers and forest personnel. The importance of ecosystems and the many services render to mankind was discussed. An Extempore Speech Competition was held which received enthusiastic participation from the students. The event was concluded with filming of a documentary.



Capacity building workshop for Staff

Members of Aaranyak's Tiger Conservation team, came together in a Capacity Building Workshop titled 'Enhancing Personal Effectiveness', in an initiative to boost professional effectiveness and reinforce their strength as they stand up to challenges. Driven to action by consultants and experts from MINDINDIA, the training resulted in highly interactive, dynamic and practice- oriented sessions.



Free Veterinary Camp at Bhokte and Ranghubor Chapori

A free veterinary health camp was organized by Aaranyak in collaboration with Kaziranga National Park authority and Golaghat District Veterinary Department on 7th February, 2017 at Bhokte and RanghuborChapori. About 450 Buffaloes, cows, goats and pigs were given medical aid by providing a health check up and basic medicines including dietary supplements.



Orientation Program for Forester Grade -1

Aaranyak was honoured to conduct an orientation program for Forester Grade- 1 at Police Training College, Dergaon on 8th February, 2017. The program introduced the relationship between the local community and foresters, and the importance of these people in protection of wildlife, to the newly appointed Officers.



Interactive session with Assam State Biodiversity Board

Aaranyak conducted an interactive session on 'Wildlife Genetics' on 10th February, 2017 at Aaranyak Conference Hall with Interns from Assam State Biodiversity Board lead by Udayan Borthakur, Head, Wildlife Genetics Division, Aaranyak. He explained about the importance of Wildlife Genetics studies on biodiversity conservation and utility of various tools and equipment available in Aaranyak Genetics Laboratory.



Assam Judicial Service's Cadre Grade III training

Aaranyak got the opportunity to take part in a program organized by Judicial Academy, Assam and North Eastern Judicial Officers' Training Institute (NEJOTI) on 10th February, 2017 at Zizina Resort, near Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary. The event was organized as an educational tour to Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary, as part of the ongoing training of fresh recruits of the cadres of Grade-III, Assam Judicial Service.



Felicitation to Dr. Bibhuti Prasad Lahkar

The winner of IUCN Heritage Hero 2016, Dr. Bibhuti Prasad Lahkar was felicitated for his incredible and relentless contribution towards Wildlife Conservation in Manas by All Bodo Students Union on the occasion of their Golden Jubilee Celebration and 49th Annual Conference, held at Kokrajhar District on 13 February, 2017. They also expressed their appreciation towards Aaranyak for empowering the communities living in and around Manas National Park, by creating sustainable livelihoods for them.



Amenities Distribution Program at Chakrashila WLS

Aaranyak conducted an amenities distribution program for the members of Dawka Raja, a local NGO at Chakrashil Wildlife Sanctuary, the second protected habitat for Golden Langur in India. Dr. DilipChetry, Head of Primate Research & Conservation Division, Aaranyak distributed Books about the Golden Langur, Posters, Jungle Boots, and Aaranyak Cap to the members of the NGO on behalf of Aaranyak.



Aaranyak participates in GBBC 2017

Aaranyak conducted a 4 day long bird watching program in different parts of Assam as a part of World's Biggest Bird-a-thon in India "Great Backyard Bird Count, 2017".

[GBBC team at Basistha temple](#)

[GBBC team at Panbari, Kaziranga](#)

[GBBC team at Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary](#)

[GBBC team at Manas National Park](#)



Aaranyak at "Assam Science Festival 2017"

Aaranyak was honoured to take part in "Assam Science Festival 2017" organized by the Science & Technology Department, Government of Assam, at Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra, Guwahati, held from 27th to 28th February, 2017. Demonstrations and Posters on Aaranyak's multitude of contributions to the World of Science received an enthusiastic response from all visitors.



Journey of 'Asiyo haatir bidyalay yatra' continues

Aaranyak organized its 36th event under the “Asiyohatirvidyalayayatra” (Asian Elephants' journey to schools) initiative at Goroimari high school, Golaghat . A total number of 300 students attended the program.

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