

Know more about Aaranyak's activities during January 2017

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### January was exciting and eventful

The New Year began on a happy note for Aaranyak. Dr. Dilip Chetry, Head, Primate Conservation Division, Aaranyak has been appointed as Co-Vice-Chair of the South Asia Section of the IUCN Species Survival Commission Primate Specialist Group for 2017-2020.

[Congratulations to Dr. Dilip Chetry.](#)

Read on for details of all our other activities during January



### **Awareness campaign at Assam State Zoo**

A conservation awareness campaign was organised on 1st January, 2017 at Assam State Zoo cum Botanical Garden.

The event was a collaborative effort between Aaranyak, WWF, Assam Elephant Foundation, Assam Forest Department and Assam State Zoo cum Botanical Garden.



### **Children as custodians of conservation**

Aaranyak conducted a 10 day long Education workshop for 50 young and enthusiastic students of 3 local schools around Manas. The youngsters were introduced to 50 varieties of fish and 100 varieties of medicinal herbs. The workshop focussed on questioning and gathering the knowledge of traditional and cultural practices, besides scientific learning.



### **12th Biennial All Moran Students Union Conference**

Aaranyak participated in an event to spread awareness on biodiversity and wildlife conservation, from 6th to 8th January, 2017 at Kakopathar, LajumPatharGaon. It was organized by the All Moran Students Union of Kakopathar Tinsukia District.



### **Popular talk on birds by Dr John W Fitzpatrick**

Aaranyak and Department of Environmental Biology and Wildlife Sciences, Cotton College State University jointly conducted a popular talk titled "How Birds can Save the World?". It was delivered by Dr John W Fitzpatrick, Director, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, New York, US on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.



### **Consultation workshop with environmental experts**

A group of Environmental Education experts met with Aaranyak to discuss the Education Module, which is soon to be implemented in the interior schools of the Manas Landscape. The meeting was held on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.



### **Participation at International Conference**

Alolika Sinha, Research scholar, Aaranyak got the opportunity to take part at an International Conference on "Biodiversity, Climate Change Assessment and Impacts on Livelihood", held in Kathmandu, Nepal from 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.



### **From pig keepers to piggery farmers**

For the first time ever a 3- days long training on scientifically- managed Intensive Piggery Farming was organised for the local communities of Panbari and its neighbouring localities. Training was imparted through lectures, demonstrations, documentaries, etc. from 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.



### **Piglet handover programme in Manas**

Aaranyak conducted a Piglet Handover programme as part of the sustainable livelihood development programme active in Manas Landscape. Total number of 53 women from 5 neighbourhoods received piglets.



### **World Customs Day in Guwahati**

Dr. Bibhab Kumar Talukdar, CEO and Secretary General of Aaranyak attended a Seminar on “Global, regional and local perspective on illegal wildlife trade”, as a resource person organized by the Commissioner of Customs (preventive) NER, Shillong on the occasion of World Customs Day at NEDFI House, Guwahati on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.



### **Promoting sustainable livelihood at Manas**

An initiative to create diversified and sustainable livelihood opportunities in Manas landscape was launched. A total of 36 community members of the area received training on scientifically- managed Goat Farming. The 3 days long training programme was conducted from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.



### **Consultation meeting on bird conservation**

Aaranyak organized a consultation meeting on bird conservation in the Nimati-Kokilamukh wetland area of Jorhat on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2017, in order to develop a strategy to prevent mass killing of migratory water birds in the area.



### **'Conservation Theatre' brainstorming session at Aaranyak**

Aaranyak's Manas Tiger Conservation Programme (MTCP) conducted a "Conservation Theatre" session among a group of experienced theatre artists, activists and actors, education experts and conservationists to brainstorm the idea of effectively employing Theatre as a contemporary medium to spread the message of conservation among masses dwelling in ecologically sensitive areas on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2017.



### **Journey of 'Asiyo haatir bidyalay yatra' continues**

Aaranyak organized its 34th event under the "Asiyohatirvidyalayayatra" (Asian Elephants' journey to schools) initiative, at Tuleswari Boruah Moinapar High School, Golaghat . A total number of 8 teachers, 65 boys and 72 girls attended the program.

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