

Know more about Aaranyak's activities during November 2017

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### **November was noteworthy**

During this month, different activities related to biodiversity conservation and engagement of Aaranyak members in such initiatives were carried out in different areas.

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**Aaranyak at “25th National Children's Science Congress, 2017”**

Aaranyak participated in the “25th National Children's Science Congress” held at Kokrajhar Govt. H.S School and Kokrajhar Girls' H.S School from 25th to 28th October, 2017. The event was organized by Assam Science, Technology & Environment Council, District Organizing Committee, NCSC and Bodoland Territorial Council, Kokrajhar.



**Regional Consultation on “Cooperation in Disaster Risk Reduction”**

Water, Climate and Hazard Division (WATCH) of Aaranyak with support from The Asia Foundation, New Delhi organized a workshop on “Regional Consultation on Cooperation in Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation in the Brahmaputra River Basin”

on 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 at Guwahati.



#### **Interaction with students of Pandu College**

An interaction session was organized by Aaranyak at Pandu College, Maligaon with students of Zoology department on 8th November 2017. Students and members of Aaranyak were present in the program and interacted on Biodiversity of Northeast India along with different activities of Aaranyak where they could engage themselves were discussed.



#### **Aaranyak's "Members Meet 2017" Guwahati Chapter**

A member's meet was organised by Aaranyak at its office on 12th November 2017, in order to provide an orientation on how they could engage themselves with Aaranyak activities. Members from various educational institutions took part in the meet and interacted with resource persons of Aaranyak on various conservation issues.



#### **Aaranyak's "Members Meet 2017" Western Assam Chapter**

Aaranyak organised another student and member interaction program at Abhayapuri on 19th November 2017, where more than 27 students from Abhayapuri College and Aaranyak members participated. The intent of the discussion was to engage the students and existing members of Aaranyak to come up with collaborative work for wildlife conservation and environment protection in their respective locations.



#### **Camera trapping data Visualization & Analysis Workshop at Bhutan**

A two days long intensive camera trapping data interpretation and analysis workshop was conducted by Tiger Research and Conservation Division of Aaranyak at Jomotsangkha Wildlife Sanctuary, Bhutan on 25th and 26th October, 2017. The workshop was attended by 5 forest officials of the Wildlife Sanctuary along with the park manager.



#### **Workshop on "Building of Biodiversity Information System"**

A Workshop on "Building of Biodiversity Information System for the State of Assam – Assam Biodiversity Portal" was held in Jorhat Science Centre & Planetarium on 11th November 2017. The meeting was organized collaboratively by ATREE and Aaranyak, involving relevant stakeholders from different districts of Assam.



#### **Training on -All India Tiger Monitoring in Namdapha Tiger Reserve**

A daylong hands-on training on camera trapping and GPS was carried out by Manas Tiger Conservation Programme(MTCP) team of Aaranyak on 18th November, 2017 at Deban, Namdapha National Park (NTR), Arunachal Pradesh. About 50 forest officials from Namdapha and Kamlang Tiger Reserve have participated in the session.



## Conservation workshop for the media persons of Manas Landscape

A two dayslong conservation workshop was held at Mathanguri (within Manas National Park) for the media persons of Manas Landscape on 22nd and 23rd November, 2017. The programme was jointly organised by The Manas Tiger Conservation Authority, Aaranyak and WWF-India. A total number of 17 media persons from across the Manas landscape took part in the workshop.

## Project Feature

### Ecology of Tigers in North Bengal

Aaranyak has initiated a study titled the "Population dynamics, distribution, breeding behavior, and predator-prey relationship of Tiger (*Panthera tigris*) in North Bengal", which includes assessment of tiger population in the protected areas network of North Bengal and study ecological aspects such as population dynamics, prey-predator relationships, territoriality and home range related aspects and finally to develop a tiger conservation plan for the landscape. The project is based on a two phase study design, in which the Phase I includes mapping of tiger presence and distribution in the protected area network of North Bengal using sign survey and genetic sampling. The Phase II covers population estimation of tigers using a single session sampling design based capture recapture methodology. In addition, prey abundance estimation will be carried out, along with scat analysis of tigers for assessing their dietary habits, which will help understand the prey-predator relationships. In addition, the demographic and genetic exchange in tigers of North Bengal will also be inferred from genetic data. This study is supported by the West Bengal Forest and Biodiversity Conservation Project and being coordinated by the Wildlife Genetics Division of Aaranyak.



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