

Know more about Aaranyak's activities during April 2016

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April was quite a remarkable month!

This month was packed with activities and some wonderful news.

The White-cheeked Macaque (*Macaca leucogenys*) was discovered for the first time in India at Arunachal Pradesh, by a team of photographers and biologists! What makes this even more thrilling is that Aaranyak members Ranjan Kumar Das, Udayan Borthakur and Dilip Chetry were the core team behind the discovery, along with bird-guide Binanda Hatibarua. The White-cheeked Macaque was first spotted at the Anjaw district, lying in the Eastern corner Arunachal Pradesh.

The picture given below was clicked by Dr. Ranjan Kumar Das.



Read on to know about all our other activities during April 2016.

We have also included some activities from March 2016 which we missed mentioning in the previous Newsletter.



Workshop on Remote Sensing and its Application

The Geo Spatial Technology and Application Division of Aaranyak was recently part of a seven day long workshop which was organized in collaboration with the Department of Geography, Dr. B.K.B College, Nagaon. Mr. Arup Kumar Das, Manager, GTAD attended the workshop as Resource Person. He also imparted training on GIS related to Wildlife Conservation to the students of Department of Zoology, Digboi College during March 2016.



Training on Database Management for researchers

Aaranyak organised a 2-days training on Database management on 8th-9th April 2016 at our Research Division office, Guwahati. The participants received training on using Excel, creating Database from survey and analysis perspective, converting survey forms to Excel sheets, use of form numbers, data entry etc.



Asia Ministerial Conference on Tiger conservation

Aaranyak is proud to have been a part of the 3rd 'Asia Ministerial Conference on Tiger conservation' held on 12th April, 2016, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Dr. M Firoz Ahmed, Head, Tiger Research and Conservation Division, represented Aaranyak at the Conference.



Journey of Asiyo Haatir Bidyalay Yatra continues

Aaranyak organized 3 events under the campaign during this month. The schools involved were Pandit Hemchandra Goswami Bidyapeeth, Ajay Saah Jonjati Highschool, and Dholaguri ME School, Golaghat. Around 400 students participated along with teachers during the awareness programs.



Awareness Program on Fishing Cat Conservation

A series of awareness programmes form part of the conservation plan for Fishing Cat by Aaranyak aimed at creating awareness among the people residing near the habitats of the species. During April 2016, 5 programs were conducted, one each in Dimal Telahi gaon, Tiwaripal, Bedeti, Borgang and Bamunu Hills, with approximately 1000 participants in total.

Thank you for taking the time to go through our Newsletter! We are grateful for your constant support and encouragement towards our work. We will strive to keep you updated of our activity highlights, through regular Newsletters. You can also know of all our events and programmes by visiting our [Facebook](#) page.

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