

Press Release

Celebration of International Women's Day

Guwahati, 11 March: International Women's Day was celebrated by Team Aaranyak at the Kaziranga-Karbi Anglong landscape with the tribal women of the Karbi community. On the aide of this day, an event was organised at the Chandrasing Rongpi Memorial School, Kohora, Karbi Anglong district, where as many as 19 women from three different villages took part.

The event flagged off with an introduction to the women about the day, its importance, its history and objectives. Thereafter, this year's UN theme- Think equal, build smart, innovate for change- was explained to them in the context of gender equality to foster personal growth and economic self reliance. An inspirational speech on how women are the cartwheels of life of every individual was given to boost their self esteem and self importance. The women were then shown videos and presentations on possible entrepreneurship opportunities and innovative ideas to generate income.

The enthusiastic mixes of young and old women in colourful Karbi attire were encouraged to share their hobbies and skills with us. Eventually they also came forward to narrate their experiences of trainings previously received and things they would like to do in future.

The two hour event was organised and led by Mr. Swapan Nath, a teacher of the school, a renowned journalist and an active member of Aaranyak in the landscape. It was assisted by Dr. Kalloli Dutta and Mr. Arif Hussain, both Senior Project Officers with Aaranyak. Helping hands were extended by Ms. Rituparna Bhattacharya, intern and Mr. Rowel Ingti, Field Assistant. The organisers also arranged for a musical chair game among the participants, who actively took part with their smiling faces forgetting their worldly worries for sometime, which truly made the event a successful one.

Aaranyak is working with the communities in the surrounding villages of Kaziranga including few villages in nearby Karbi Anglong to promote community participation in conservation of Kaziranga-Karbi Anglong Landscape. Aaranyak promotes participatory natural resource management as means to self employment, livelihood security and nature protection to achieve Sustainable Development Goals at local level in the Kaziranga-Karbi Anglong Landscape.

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