

## Press Release

### Aaranyak observed World Environment Day 2019 across Assam

Guwahati, 7<sup>th</sup> June: Aaranyak, a society for biodiversity conservation and environmental protection in Northeast India celebrated the World Environment Day 2019 simultaneously in different locations of Assam. The programme included plantation drive, audio-visual awareness talk, environmental games, awareness on loss of nature and natural resources due to detrimental anthropogenic activities etc.

At the fringe of Manas National Park, a sensitization programme and plantation drive was carried out by the conservation education team of Aaranyak with the community members and civil society organisations from the locality in association with Eco-Development Committees from the villages under Bhuyanpara range of the National Park. The programme organised at Barmajra Library premises was attended by office bearers of Laharipara, Bamunkhal and Koroibari EDC and Jayanta Basumatary, teacher, social worker and member of Rupahi Sahitya Sabha, Baksa. Further, team Aaranyak also joined hands with All Assam Bodo Student Union and Manas Maozegendri Eco-Tourism Society in a mass plantation drive called 'Pakhiram Plantation Drive' held at Chepna NC, Baksa to mark the occasion.

To create awareness on biodiversity and the environment in general through use of media, Media Production & Communications Division of Aaranyak screened its wildlife documentary 'Legends of Hollongapar' at Maria's Public School, Guwahati and Mr. Udayan Borthakur, Director of the film interacted with students.

In addition to these, the day was celebrated in collaboration with Kaziranga National Park Authority and Kaziranga Citrakala Vidyalaya through a tree plantation programme. The Western Assam team of Aaranyak collaborated with Pakriti suraksha samity and organized a rally with more than 500 students along with forest department, police officials and army officials with the slogan "Save tree Save life" at Jagun, Tinsukia, Assam.

In Guwahati, an event was organized by Aaranyak in association with the Institute of Engineers, Assam State Centre at the auditorium of the Institution's building. The meeting was addressed by several officers of Assam police and officials of IoE and Aaranyak. In Guwahati, Aaranyak also observed World Environment Day with students and teachers at Gopal Boro Government HS School, Dispur at the school premises and Holy Home Secondary School, Pamohi with students and teachers. Another plantation programme was carried at Garbhanga Reserve Forest in collaboration with Handique Girl's College, Guwahati and in support with Kamrup (East) Forest Division, Assam.

Dr. Bibhab Kumar Talukdar, CEO & Secretary General of Aaranyak participated in a programme organized by District Administration at Demow in Sivasagar district and took part in plantation drive programme.

It is worth mentioning that Aaranyak has been working for the last 29 years on various environmental issues with diverse positive impact on our society. Aaranyak's tireless efforts have helped in creating a positive scenario in the region's conservation movement and it has been instrumental in protecting many of the threatened species of the region and their habited through active intervention.

**Press statement released by Aaranyak**

**About the Organization:**

Aaranyak is a registered society working in the North East India for the past 29 years towards nourishing our natural heritage to secure the flora and fauna in the region known as one of the biodiversity hotspots of the world.

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