

Press Release

International Applied Environmental Education Course under Aaranyak starts at Guwahati

Guwahati, 29 January, 2019: A three-week long international course on applied environmental education, organised by North East's leading nature conservation and research organisation 'Aaranyak' in association with Environment Education and Conservation Global (EECG) and Satpuda Foundation (India) has been started from 28 January, 2019 at Guwahati. The inaugural event of the course, held in Indian Institute of Bank Management was attended by Aaranyak's Secretary General and CEO Dr. Bibhab Kumar Talukdar, Dr. Bibhuti P. Lahkar, Manas Landscape Administrator and Head of ERCD, Jayanta Kumar Sarma, Environment and Development Professional, Dr. Firoz Ahmed, Head of TRCD and HRC (Aaranyak) and Jayanta Kumar Pathak, Manager, EECB Division. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Bibhab Kumar Talukdar stressed on the importance of education in nature conservation. He also briefly highlighted on the genesis of Aaranyak from a nature club to become one of the premier nature conservation organisation of the region. Mr. Edward J Mccrea, President of EECG and Chief Course Instructor also shared his experiences over the years as an instructor of the course.

The course, considered one of the most important for environmental educators and conservationists aims at demonstrating how environmental social marketing techniques can be integrated with overall education and communication strategies to produce effective and practical tools for solving environmental and conservation problems. A total of 20 participants including conservation workers, forest officials and environment educators belonging to Indonesia, Nepal, Myanmar and various states of India are participating in the course. The course which is being held under the leadership of international environmental education expert Edward J Mccrea and Augusto Medina will also have practical and field sessions at Manas and Kaziranga National Park. The course, which has been organised for the first time in North East India is expected to ensure enhanced learning and deeper understanding of various environmental issues and use of suitable communication-education tools among the participants and will conclude on 17th of February.

The programme is a joint effort of Environment Education and Capacity Building Division (EECBD) of Aaranyak in association with the Manas Tiger Conservation Programme (MTCP). EECBD is the oldest division of Aaranyak which has been working to promote eco-literacy in north east India since the inception of Aaranyak. It may also be mentioned that MTCP is a programme led by Aaranyak and being implemented in partnership with the Forest Department BTC, Wildlife Conservation Trust, Panthera and Awely, and is actively working towards improvement of protection, conservation and community wellbeing in Manas National Park and its fringe areas.

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