January was event-filled

Aaranyak starts its new year with several programs gearing towards awareness and protection of natural resources and biodiversity conservation.

Read on for details of all our other activities during January.

Event Highlights

Awareness Campaign in Brahmaputra Islands

To introduce the conservation issues and make them aware about the need of conservation, Aaranyak and Kaziranga National Park authority organized a series of awareness campaign in Islands (Chaporis) of
river Brahmaputra. Major activities like schools programs, community programs and discussions, documentary shows, audio visual talk, wildlife quiz and interactions were carried out as a part of this awareness campaign.

Island Awareness Program Phase – I  
Island Awareness Program Phase – II  
Island Awareness Program Phase – III  

Wildlife Photography Workshop at Pobitora

Media Production & Communications Division of Aaranyak organised a daylong advanced wildlife photography workshop at Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary on 6th January 2019. The workshop was mentored by Wildlife Photographers Udayan Borthakur and Ashok Kumar Das. Total number of 14 participants took part in the workshop, where and discussions on several techniques of photography and importance of understanding wildlife behaviour were held and they were taken for field photography.

24th Week long training course on RS,GIS & GPS

Geo-spatial Technology and Application Division of Aaranyak successfully conducted the 24th Week long training course on “Application of Remote Sensing, GIS & GPS in various fields” which was started from 6th January 2019 at Research Division office of Aaranyak.
‘Journey For Learning’- an initiative

In an effort to promote community based eco-cultural tourism, Aaranyak successfully completed its first ever ‘Journey for Learning’ programme from 17th December, 2018 to 1st January, 2019. It is a recent initiative of Aaranyak to provide learning experiences to interested persons irrespective of their age, profession or background and has been designed in coherence with the principles of community-driven ecological learning.

Bike Rally for Conservation of Golden langur & Manas Tiger Reserve

A bike rally was organized by United Bikers Club Assam (UBCA) in association with Aaranyak on 13th January 2019 from Bijni toll gate of Chirang district to Abhayapuri town of Bongaigaon district. The rally was specially conducted to make an awareness among bikers and public on the road to save Golden langur of the region and also to save Manas Tiger Reserve. About 100 youth bikers from different districts took part in the rally.
"Rhino Goes to School 2019" an initiative of Aaranyak

Aaranyak organized "Rhino goes to school" at Kanyakashram Junior College and Kaliabor Higher Secondary School, Kaliabor on 21st January 2019 with 100 students. With an aim to create awareness about rhino conservation, various programmes such as presentation on rhino and its habitat, world distribution, population and lifespan, along with open interaction and wildlife quiz competition were conducted. This programme was supported by David Shephard Wildlife Foundation.

Aaranyak Organized Members' Meet at Guwahati

A Members' Meet was organized by Aaranyak on January 22, 2019 at the Aaranyak Research Office at Guwahati. About 40 General and Life Members of the organization attended the meeting. The meeting was inaugurated by Mr Ranjan Bhuyan, President of Aaranyak. Dr. Partha Jyoti Das, Organising Secretary of Aaranyak welcomed the members and narrated the background & objective of the meeting.
International Applied Environmental Education Course

A three-week long international course on applied environmental education, organised by ‘Aaranyak’ in association with Environment Education and Conservation Global (EECG) and Satpuda Foundation (India) is under way starting from 28th January, 2019 followed by a glittering inaugural session. This course, which covers two field sessions at Manas and Kaziranga National Park will end on 17th February, 2019.

4th Annual Global event of Women in Nature Network (WiNN)

Aaranyak and Women in Nature Network (WiNN) in collaboration with Kamrup Police, Assam Forest Department and Kamrup District Administration successfully hosted the 4th annual global event of Women in Nature Network (WiNN) at Guwahati from 28th to 31st January, 2019. Alice C. Tyler Perpetual Trust Global Wildlife Conservation (GWC) and International Finance Corporation (IFC) had provided generous support in organizing the landmark event.

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