

Know more about Aaranyak's activities during March 2018

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### March was incredible month

During this month, a film titled "Women Power of Aaranyak" was released on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018, on the occasion of International Women's Day presenting examples of wonderful women staff of Aaranyak engaged in nature conservation and environmental protection and their contribution towards attaining the mission of the organisation...!

[Click here to watch it](#)

Adding another feather to her cap, Mrs. Purnima Devi Barman, conservationist and Biologist, awarded with Nari Shakti Puraskar, the highest civilian honour for women by the Government of India in an event organized on the occasion of women's day at New Delhi.

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**Read on for details of all our other activities during March.**





#### **Exposure trip to Three Brother's Farm, Barpeta**

A day long exposure trip and farm visit programme was organized at Three Brother's Farm, Barpeta, Assam for Swmkhwr Mithinga Onsai Aafad (SMOA) and Manas Bhuyanpara Conservation Society (SMOA) piggery cluster beneficiaries. The program was organized under Tata Trust Manas Project Activity on 6th March 2018.



#### **Successful Completion of dolphin survey**

Wildlife Institute of India in collaboration with Aaranyak conducted population survey of Endangered Gangetic dolphin in the Brahmaputra river system. The survey covered about 1100 km river stretch, comprising of the Brahmaputra, Kulsi and Subansiri Rivers being conducted by a highly trained and equipped team of researchers led by Dr. Abdul Wakid.





### **Workshop on “Role of youth in Biodiversity Conservation”**

A workshop on “Role of youth in Biodiversity Conservation” was held after a one week special camp of NSS unit of Bongaigaon College in Janata Club, Dolaigaon, Bongaigaon on 14th March 2018. The workshop was organised by Bongaigaon College NSS unit in collaboration with Aaranyak.



### **DST Scientist Dr Kinikini Das Gupta at Aaranyak**

Dr Kinikini Das Gupta, Head of Gender and Technology Communication Division, Vigyan Prasar, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India visited Aaranyak Research office on 19th March 2018 and interacted with our staff on different issues along with the need of documentation of positive stories on nature to make people aware of the need of conservation.



### **Ban Bandhob Utsav, 2018**

Aaranyak took part in the Ban Bandhob Utsav at Buxa Tiger Reserve organized on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 at West Bengal and highlighted different Conservation efforts of our organization by depicting poster presentations, photo gallery and publications etc.



### **Celebration of World Water Day 2018**

Aaranyak West Assam Zone in associate with Kakojiana Jubo Sanskar Unnayan Samity, Astha Nature's Home, Abhayapuri, Stay Green Tour and Travels and Villagers of Kakojiana Ujan Rabhapara has organised an event titled "Panir babe Prakriti, Gaobashir Xoite Axondhia" at Kakojiana on the occasion of World Water Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018.





### **Hoolock Gibbon Conservation Training**

Aaranyak in collaboration with Assam State Forest Department and Nagaland Forest Department, with support from US Fish and Wildlife Service (GACF) conducted the 1st & 2nd Hoolock Gibbon conservation Training at Conservation Centre, H. Gibbon Sanctuary, Assam for the forester of Nagaland and Assam.

[1st Hoolock Gibbon Conservation Training for Foresters of Nagaland and Assam](#)

[2nd Hoolock Gibbon Conservation Training for Foresters of Nagaland and Assam](#)

### **Special feature**

#### **Did you know about our Wildlife Genetics Laboratory?**

Wildlife Genetics Laboratory of Aaranyak, established in the year 2008, has been pioneering conservation genetic research as well as wildlife DNA forensic investigations in Northeast India.

The laboratory has several significant achievements in the field of population genetic research of threatened species like Greater one-horned rhino in India and Javan and Sumatran rhino in Indonesia, Royal Bengal tiger and other co-predators in Eastern India, Snow leopard in Bhutan, Asianelephants in Assam and White-bellied Heron in Bhutan. It is worth mentioning that Wildlife Genetics Laboratory in the year 2012 conducted genetic census of greater one-horned rhinos in Gorumara National Park, a first ever achievement of this kind in the world..!

The Laboratory is also offering wildlife DNA forensic DNA investigation support to Assam Forest Department for past several years. Apart from these, Biologist from the Laboratory in collaboration with other experts has reported White-cheeked macaque from Arunachal Pradesh, a first report for India.



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