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## Aaranyak holds collaborative workshops on WL crime monitoring in Biswanath

Guwahati, September 11: Aaranyak in collaboration with the authority of Kaziranga National Park (KNP), Biswanath Police and Village Defence Organisation (VDO) organised two back-to-back awareness workshops on wildlife crime prevention under Biswanath Wildlife Division.

In the first workshop organised at Maheswari Adarsha L P School, Bihali Officer in-Charge (OC) of Bihali, Bhusing Bey, and Crime ranger of KNP 6th Addition Jatindra Mohan Das talked about the important role the people in general and Village defence Party (VDP) members can play in assisting the Police and Forest Department in checking wildlife crimes.

The workshop was presided over by Madhu Das and graced by Deputy Adviser of the VDP Kandarpa Hazarika, School Headmaster Hemanta Purel, social worker Rajen Hazarika and Suren Bora. Members from Telengonia VDP, Rangshali VDP were present in the workshop held on September 4 that was attended by 42 people.

Similar workshop on wildlife crime prevention was organised in Biswanath Higher Secondary School, Biswanath Ghat on September 6 with Rakhi Das on the chair. About 50 persons including VDP members attended the workshop where Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Biswanath Nabajit Das and DFO KNP (6th Addition) Khargeswar Pegu, Crime Ranger Jatindra Mohan Das, OC of River Police Bhularam Bora and VDP Deputy Adviser Kandarpa Hazarika spoke about the ways a synergy could be forged amongst the KNP authority, Police and VDP members in the greater interests of protecting the wildlife on Kaziranga National Park.

Aaranyak's official Sanjib Kumar Bezbaruah of Aaranyak played a key role in organising these two workshops as part of Aaranyak's sustained efforts for facilitating coordinated actions among various agencies in prevention of wildlife crimes.

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