Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam) celebrated World Environment Day with various programmes at various places from 2\textsuperscript{nd} to 6\textsuperscript{th} June, 2018.

Celebration at Sainik School Goalpara:

The main function of celebration of World Environment Day-2018 was organized at Sainik School Goalpara (SSG) on 5-6 June, 2018. Around 15 schools of Goalpara district participated in the programme. The two-day celebration was inaugurated by Capt.(IN) Edwin Jyothirajan, Principal of SSG by flagging-off a Students’ Rally. Around five hundred students participated in the Rally. The students carried placards, banners, and gave slogans on environmental protection and on plastic pollution. The students walked around 5-6 km in Mornoi area covering a few villages and sensitized the villagers on hazardous effects of plastics.

The students participated in a plantation drive which was initiated by Capt.(IN) Edwin Jyothirajan, Principal of SSG and Shri R. K. Kalita, Scientist E & HoD, Extension, RFRI. A drawing competition was held among the students and around 50 students participated in the competition. Topic of the drawing competition was ‘My vision of clean village/town’.

Shri R. K. Kalita, Scientist E & HoD, Extension, RFRI delivered a popular talk covering various issues on environmental protection. He touched upon many issues like global warming, deforestation, sustainable development, plastic pollution, conservation of water and energy etc. He told that slight change in our lifestyle may bring substantial change in our society. He appealed to the students to inculcate good habits in their daily routine.
Day-two of the celebration began with a debating competition on the Motion “Plastic is an integral part of life”. The students spoke for and against the motion and tried to convince the audience with their logical arguments.

An interschool Quiz competition was held which was conducted by Shri Munindra Hazarika, Post Graduate Teacher, SSG. Five schools participated in the Quiz competition. The competition was conducted on subjects like environmental protection, plastics, environmental laws & treaties, animals and plants. Shri R. K. Kalita also conducted one round the competition.

An extempore speech competition was also held among the students. The students also participated in an essay writing completion, held on the topic, “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle of plastics is only way forward for a healthy environment”.

Goalpara Forest Division provided around hundred saplings of various indigenous species for distribution among the students. Various species like Phyllanthus emblica, Psidium guajava, Mangifera indica, Terminalia chebula, Delonix regia, Syzigium cumini, Samanea saman, Azadirachta indica etc. Each students representing from various school was presented with sapling and they were asked to plant it in their respective house premises.

At the valedictory session, prizes and certificates were distributed to the winners of various competitions. Capt.(IN) Edwin Jyothirajan, Principal of SSG addressed the gathering and reiterated various issues on environmental protection for better living world tomorrow. Celebration ended with singing of National Anthem.

**Celebration at Rain Forest Research Institute Campus:**

RFRI also observed the World Environment day at its Campus on 5th and 6th June, 2018. First day was marked with plantation drive in the campus followed by meeting to
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discuss on this year’s theme, “Beat Plastic Pollution”. In both the programmes, Shri N. Anand, IFS, Conservator of Forests (Working Plan), Jorhat and Ms. Sayambrita Dutta, ACF took part. Dr. D. J. das, Scientist E, RFRI, Jorhat presented a brief introduction about the WED and the theme of the year. Dr. R. S. C. Jayaraj, Director, RFRI, Jorhat delivered a speech by showing a video on pollution caused by plastics and requested the participants to beat plastic pollution by avoiding single use plastics and choose suitable alternatives. Shri Anand requested the scientific community to rethink on plastic pollution caused by single use plastic and make research contribution for alternatives.

On the next day (June 6th, 2018), a mass planting programme was undertaken in the campus. It was initiated by Shri Parimal Suklabaidya, Hon’ble Minister of Environment & Forest, Government of Assam. Shri N. K. Vasu, IFS, PCCF&HoFF, Assam, Shri S. K. Srivastava, IFS, Spl. PCCF, Assam and Shri D. P. Bankhwal, IFS, CWLW, Assam also participated in the programme.

Celebration at Chintamonigarh High School:

RFRI, Jorhat also collaborated with a Jorhat based NGO, ‘Rengoni-A Hope’ for celebration of World Environment Day at Chintamonigarh High School, Jorhat (Assam). Celebration was kicked off on 2nd June, 2018 with plantation of sapling by Padmashree Jadab Payeng, Forest Man of India. Shri R. K. Kalita, Scientist E of RFRI represented the Institute. He delivered a talk in the public meeting where around three hundred students participated. A Quiz competition was also held among students.
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DERGAON: “Although plastic was a good commodity for mankind earlier but today it has become a matter of serious concern. With excessive use of plastic materials, it has now become a major environmental threat for us. So we must rethink about the use of such plastic materials from now.”

This was observed by senior scientist of Rain Forest Research Institute (RFRI), Jorhat, Dr. Dineswar Dutta while delivering his speech as the appointed speaker at the World Environment Day programme held at Deragon Girls’ Higher Secondary School (DGHSS) here on Tuesday. Delivering an audio-visual lecture on ‘Threats of Plastic Pollution and Our duties’, he opined that, with the habit of taking a jute bag we can minimise 40% of plastic use. The scientist also explained the 5 Rs formula, i.e., Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Repurpose and Redesigning in case of plastic pollution.

The day-long programme organised under the aegis of leading nature organisation AASHRAY and in association with DGHSS was initiated by the president of the school, managing and development committee of DGHSS, Dilip Kumar Khand, by planting a sapling of an evergreen tree. Nobel social worker Arun Groswami and retired ADC, Hargraun Bordoloi also planted a sapling each. This was followed by an open meeting with AASHRAY’s president Biren Chandra Saikia in the chair and moderated by AASHRAY’s secretary Sanjoy Kumar Hazarika where the principal of DGHSS, Chidananda Pathak gave the welcome address in regards to the focal theme of this year’s World Environment Day.

Taking part as the distinguished guest in the meeting, Dr. Minowma Begum, Associate Professor of Botany, DRD College, Deragon, explained different aspects of reducing the use of plastic in line with the focal theme of this year’s World Environment Day i.e., ‘Beat Plastic Pollution’.

A drama on conservation of birds ‘Pa-khan Jhalpar Jhalpar’ was performed by students of DGHSS under the guidance of journalist Sanjoy Kumar Hazarika and directed by Pramod Rajkhowa. The programme was shared by students of DGHSS, namely, Narindra Bora, Ankurshweta Bora, Prityangshu Bora, Anikshya Kacharia, Banchu Rabha, Pravijnad Devi, Shibani Bora, Pankheta Banu, Pernsanta Bora, Inakalabari Sarma and Pamamita Hazarika who enacted different characters. The evening was also directed by Hargraun Bordoloi and attended by the principal of DGHSS, Chidananda Pathak, Dilip Kumar Khand, educationist Pramod Mazumdar, Mandal Dey, Bishnupriya Dey, etc.

During the programme, ‘Refuse Plastic, Reuse Dergaon’ was carried out by AASHRAY to initiate the coordination of the project as well as its assistant professor of Philosophy at DRD College, Niranjana Haloi. The programme ended with the vote of thanks by AASHRAY’s secretary.
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World Environment Day is celebrated on 5th June every year to raise awareness about environmental issues and encourage action to protect the planet. This year, RFRI (Radio and Film Research Institute) organized a special event to mark the occasion. The event was held at the institute's premises, where various activities and discussions were held to promote environmental consciousness.

The event started with a small rally organized by the institute's students. They marched through the streets, chanting slogans and distributing pamphlets to spread awareness among the public. The rally was a huge success, and people from all walks of life participated enthusiastically.

Later in the day, a seminar was held on various environmental issues. Experts from different fields shared their knowledge and insights on topics such as climate change, biodiversity, and pollution. The seminar was well-attended, and the audience was engaged throughout.

In the evening, a cultural program was organized, featuring musical performances and dance to celebrate the occasion. The program was a hit, and people enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

The event was a great success, and it is hoped that it will inspire people to take action and protect the environment. RFRI continues to play a vital role in raising awareness and promoting environmental sustainability.
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World Environment Day today: Focus on tackling plastic pollution

Dergaon to focus on refusing use of plastics

DERGAON, June 4: Nature NGO Aashray in association with Dergaon Girls’ HS School will observe World Environment Day with a day-long programme here tomorrow.

Dipak Kr. Ghosh, president of the school managing and development committee, will plant a sapling to begin the programme.

Dr. Dipak Kr. Ghosh, a senior scientist at the Rain Forest Research Institute (RFRI), will deliver an audio-visual lecture on Threats of Plastic Pollution and our duties. Dr. Minawar Ali, associate professor of Botany at DRC College, Dergaon, will take part in the discussion part.

A play on conservation of birds titled “Paal Nilapakkhe Subhagita Dhammar” will be presented by the school students, and a documentary on nature conservation “Saajhi Asam” will be screened. A project on plastic refund will be initiated during the programme.

Adequate officials have urged nature lovers to attend the programme where they will get the opportunity to interact with the experts.

RFRI teams up with Sainik School

GUWAHATI, June 4: Sainik School Gholagaha in collaboration with the Rain Forest Research Institute (RFRI), Jorhat will observe World Environment Day with a two-day programme starting tomorrow.

The school has planned several activities for its cadets as well as students from other schools in and around the locality, a press release said here today.

Keeping in mind this year’s theme of “Beat Plastic Pollution”, the school will organise a debate competition on the topic “Plastics are an integral part of human living, they cannot be substituted.”

A quiz competition will also be held on environment topics like pollution and pollutants, climate change and accords, national parks and biodiversity, bio-habitats, alternative sources of energy, regulations and initiatives on environmental energy and disasters. Other events expected to be held include a plantation drive, and contests on drawing and painting, slogan writing, essay writing, Extremesphere speech etc. Members of the RFRI will later talk to the students on issues affecting the environment.