RFRI CELEBRATES HIMALAYAN DAY

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam) celebrated *Himalayan Day* on 9th September, 2012 in a day long programme. The aim of the celebration of **Himalayan Day** was to sensitize the future generation about the importance of the Himalayan Eco-system and its sustenance. To commemorate the day, drawing and essay competitions were organised among the school and college students. More than 70 students from various academics institutions of Jorhat district participated in various events.

A Lecture Session was organised in the afternoon. Dr. R. K. Borah, Group Coordinator (Research), welcomed participants and elaborated the reasons behind the celebration of the **Himalayan Day**. He also informed that **Himalayan Day** has been organised on 9th September every year since 2010.

Eminent Scientist, Dr. S.C. Nath, Scientist 'G' from North East Institute of Science & Technology (NEIST), Jorhat was invited to deliver a popular talk on '*The Himalayan Ecosystem: The Source of Life Supporting Resources*'. He discussed in details about the origin of the Himalayas and also the role played by this majestic mountain chain on the holistic development of the nation. Worried over the threats to natural resources in the Himalayas, he emphasized that there is an urgent need to conserve Himalayan Ecosystem and in particular, the Eastern Himalayas, as it not only serves as Global Biodiversity Hotspot but also as the Centre of Origin of various crops. He also highlighted the recent initiatives taken by different National and International Organizations about the conservation of the Himalayas. The prizes of various competitions were distributed among the winners in the meeting. The Session was conducted by Sri R. K. Kalita, Head, Extension Division. The meeting concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. R. K. Borah, Group Coordinator (Research), RFRI, Jorhat.





































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