# Celebration of International Day for Biological Diversity, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2022

Report on State level programs organized by Assam State Biodiversity Board in collaboration with National Biodiversity Authority



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## Report

The Assam State Biodiversity Board (ASBB) in collaboration with National Biodiversity Authority celebrated the International Day for Biological Diversity on 22nd May, 2022 by organizing various offline and online events for generating awareness among stakeholders and local people.

This year's theme is "**Building a shared future for all life**". The slogan was chosen to continue building momentum and support for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework to be adopted at the upcoming UN Biodiversity Conference #COP15.

The Board is celebrating the International Day for Biological Diversity every year in different parts of Assam. But, Last couple of years due to pandemic the Board is celebrating international day for biological diversity through online modes.

This year Board decided to celebrate the International Day for Biological Diversity in broader scale in different parts of the State. The following programs were organised during the celebration of International Day for Biological Diversity.

#### 1. Training & awareness workshop on ABS & PBR:

The Board started the celebration with a training and awareness workshop that was organised at the auditorium of Zoology Department of Bodoland University, Kokrajhar on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2022.

The eminent persons present in the meeting were Prof. P.K. Patra, Rector, Bodoland University, Dr. Manjil Basumatary, Academic Register, Bodoland University, Prof. Hilloljyoti Singha, Head, Department of Zoology, BU, Dr. Hemen Sarma, Head, Department of Botany, BU, Dr. O.S. Devi, Scientific Officer, Assam State Biodiversity Board, Dr. Mazedul Islam, Technical Officer, Assam State Biodiversity Board and other faculty members from Zoology dept., Botany dept. and Geography dept. A total of 150 students from Zoology, Botany and Geography department were participated in the awareness workshop.



Scientific Officer-ASBB addressing the gathering

### 2. State level Quiz Competition on Biodiversity:

An online quiz competition was organized by Assam State Biodiversity Board as a series event on the occasion of International day for biological diversity, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2022. The event was performed among the school students dividing them into 2 groups. Preliminary round for both the groups was conducted on 18th May 2022. The final round was organized on 19 May 2022, through zoom platform.





### 3. Photo walk to document urban biodiversity:

The Assam State Biodiversity Board in collaboration with the Assam State Zoo cum Botanical Garden conducted a Photo walk to document the urban biodiversity on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2022, as a part of celebration of the

International Day for Biological Diversity, 2022. The walk was conducted at the Assam State Zoo cum Botanical Garden.

The maximum capacity was 30 participants, on first come serve basis. Despite unfavourable weather conditions, eighteen participants attended the event, out of 30 registrations, belonging to different institutions including Gauhati University and Cotton University.

The photo walk started with a welcome address by Dr. Ashwini Kumar (IFS), Divisional Forest Officer, Assam State Zoo cum Botanical Garden, on the importance of biodiversity. The walk started at about 8 am and continued till 11 am. During the walk, the participants documented 43 species of flora and 38 species of fauna.



#### 4. Plantation of Endemic Fruit plants at BMC level.

This year, National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) and MoEFCC have identified 7 actions to be undertaken by the all State Biodiversity Boards (SBBs) and Union Territory Biodiversity Council (UTBCs) as a part of the celebration of International day For Biological Diversity. As per these 7 Actions; ASBB has organised the plantation program of endemic fruit plants on 21st May, 2022 in different Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) of Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC).

A total of eight (8) BMCs from Karbi Anglong organized this plantation program. BMC members from all BMCs along with school students, teachers, women, local villagers and staff from Forest department took active participation in this program.



Plantation of Endemic fruit plants by Silonijan BMC, East Division, Karbi Anglong

#### 5. Message from Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam, India

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam, Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma send a video message to the people of Assam on the occasion of International Day for Biological Diversity, 2022. He spoke on the significance of the event and listed the achievements of the Assam Govt. to notify Hajong Turtle Pond in Dima Hasao district and Borjuli of Sonitpur district as Biodiversity Heritage Sites. He further mentioned that through the efforts Assam State Biodiversity Board, the Assam Government wills to take more such steps towards biodiversity protection and conservation.



### 6. State Level Online Celebration of IBD, 2022 at Guwahati, Assam

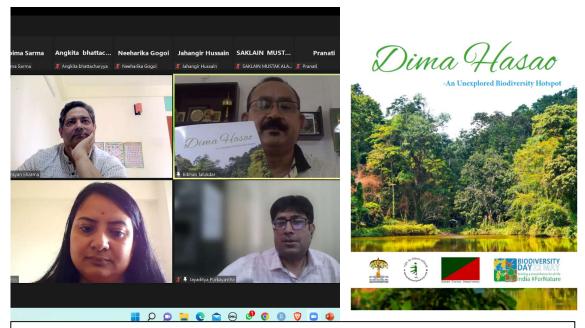
The event started with inaugural welcome address by Dr Mazedul Islam (Technical Officer - ASBB) who briefly highlighted the key efforts and progress during the current year by ASBB. This was followed by the message of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam, Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma to the people of Assam.

The Honourable CM's message was followed by the introductory speech by Shri K. S. P. V. Pavan Kumar, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Biodiversity & Climate Change). The Chief Guest of the event was Dr P. C. Bhattacharjee (Retd. Professor, Gauhati University and Expert Member - ASBB) and he delivered an address of the significance of International Day of Biological Diversity. This was followed by the address of Guest of Honour, Dr Bibhab Talukdar (CEO, Aaranyak and Expert Member - ASBB).

A booklet on biodiversity of Dima Hasao namely 'Dima Hasao – An Unexplored Biodiversity Hotspot' was released wherein the rich biodiversity of Dima Hasao has been showcased.

The book release was followed by two keynote lectures. Dr Narayan Sharma (Assistant Professor, Cotton University) delivered the first keynote titled, 'Biodiversity is the answer to global societal problem'. The second keynote was delivered by Smt. Dimpi Bora, IFS (DFO, Kamrup

West Division) on 'Conservation of floral and faunal diversity in the era of development'.



Booklet 'Dima Hasao – An Unexplored Biodiversity Board' release during the event by Guest of Honour and Keynote presenters

#### 7. National Level Celebration at Chennai, India

The Assam State Biodiversity Board participated at the national event organized by the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA), Chennai. The event was graced by the presence of Hon'ble Union Minister, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Shri Bhupendra Yadav, Hon'ble Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey.

Several State Biodiversity Boards including Assam, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, and Gujarat showcased their products at the exhibition in Chennai. The theme of the exhibition at the event was 'Biodiversity, Nutritional Security and Human wellbeing'. The Assam State Biodiversity Board participated in the exhibition and hosted a stall which displayed a diverse range of biological resources at the event. Forty-eight varieties of rice from seven districts of Assam were displayed along with various plants and seeds of medicinal and traditional significance. The stall by ASBB was visited by Hon'ble Union Minister, Shri. Bhupendra Yadav and Hon'ble Minister of State Shri. Ashwini Kumar Choubey and various other dignitaries and participants at the national event.



Visit of Hon'ble Union Minister Shri Bhupendra Yadav felicitated with a phulam gamosa and a rhino souvenir by Member Secretary – ASBB



Scientific Officer – ASBB with three BMC members and Secretary, National Biodiversity Authority, Shri Justin Mohan

#### 8. Seed Collection Competition and Exhibition at Karbi Anglong:

The Board has organized a "Seed Competition and Exhibition" for local communities and students at Chandrasing Rongpi Memorial High School, Kohora, Karbi Anglong on 22nd May 2022 in collaboration with Aaranyak, a renowned NGO of Assam. This exhibition cum competition was implemented as per the 7 actions identified by MoEFCC and NBA.

A total of 87 participants (farmers and students) from 27 villages in the Kohora and Diffolu River Basin participated in the competition which was organized for the first time in the region. The event was jointly inaugurated by the Dr. Jatindra Sharma, Park Director of Kaziranga National Park, Mr. Ramesh Kumar Gogoi, DFO-Kaziranga National Park, and Mr. Dhruvajyoti Nath, Additional Superintendent of Police in presence of Raising Rongpi, Sarkari Gaonbura, Chandrasing Rongpi villagers.



The competition was organized in three categories i.e., 1) Farmers, 2) Students (senior) and 3) Students (Junior); also, cash award given to the top three participants of each category. Around 170 different local seeds were displayed by the participants of the competition, which are mainly cultivated in hilly terrain and in Jhum fields. Out of these species, there are around 20 land races of rice, 18 variety of pulses, 7 variety of oil seeds, 85 varieties of vegetables, 15 fruits species and 2 varieties of millets and 5 types of corn and maize were displayed by the participants.



### Assam State Biodiversity Board cordially invites all to be a part of the celebration of the International Day for Biological Diversity, 2022 in Assam

### 18th May 2022 to 22nd May 2022

| Date       | Programme  | Time                  | Venue/Mode   | Participants   |
|------------|--|-----------------------|--|--|
| 18.05.2022 | Awareness workshop<br>on Access & Benefit<br>Sharing (ABS) And<br>Peoples' Biodiversity<br>Register(PBR) | 10:00 Am-<br>2:00 Pm  | Bodoland University,<br>Kokrajhar                                  | Students,<br>Teachers and<br>local NGO's                                 |
| 18.05.2022 | State Level Quiz<br>Competition<br>(Preliminary Round)   | 12.30 Pm<br>anwards   | Online   | School Students<br>Group A:<br>Class VI-VIII<br>Group B:<br>Class IX-XII |
| 19.05.2022 | State Level Quiz<br>Competition<br>(Final Round)   | 12.30 Pm<br>onwards   | Online   |  |
| 20.05.2022 | Photowalk for<br>Documenting Urban<br>Biodiversity   | 6.00Am<br>-9.00 Am    | Assam State Zoo<br>cum Botanical<br>Garden, Guwahati               | Graduate and<br>Post Graduate<br>Students (18-30<br>years)               |
| 21.05.2022 | Plantation of Endemic<br>Fruit Plants  | 9.00 Am-<br>10.00 Am  | Diphu BMC (Karbi<br>Anglong) & Maibang<br>BMC (Dima Hasao)         | BMC members<br>and Local<br>people                                       |
| 22.05.2022 | Seed Competition<br>and Exhibition in<br>collaboration with<br>Aaranyak                                  | 9.00 Am<br>onwards    | Community Hall,<br>Chandrasing Rongoi<br>Village, Karbi<br>Anglong | Fringe village<br>farmers, BMC<br>members                                |
| 22.05.2022 | State level program<br>for Celebrationof<br>Bioday, 2022   | 10.00 Am -<br>1.00 Pm | Online   | Officers of Govt. Dept., BMC members, Students and other stake holders   |

Apart from these, there will be National level Celebration of the Bloday 2022 Event at Chennal where Assam State Biodiversity Board along with selected BMC members will participate in the Official Programme and Exhibition on the theme "Biodiversity, Nutritional Security & Human Well Being"







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International day for biological diversity observed by ASBB

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GUWAHATI: Assam State Biodiversity Board (ASBB) has organized a collage of events to commemorate the International Day for Biological Diversity on the theme "Building A Shared Future For All Life" here on Sunday.

An online quiz competition was organized on May 18 and 19 in two groups with students from classes 6-8 constituting Group A and 9-12, Group B.

The three winners from group A are Pragyan Sarma (1st), Ashwin Day (2nd) and Harshit Tiwari (3rd) of Axel Public School, Guwahati and for Group B three winners are Narendra Saikia (1st) of Karhalgaon Bapuji High School of Majuli; Karan Kalita (2nd) of Nalanda Public School of Nalbari and Pragati Rajkumuri of Axel Public School, Guwahati.

A photo walk was organized on May 20 to document urban biodiversity within the campus of Assam State Zoo cum Botanical Garden. A total of 30 participants registered for the event. During the photo walk, 81 species of plants and animals were recorded by the participants. On May 22, a state-level programme was organized on online mode which was started off with an address by Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma followed by an introductory speech by ASBB member secretary and additional PCCF (Biodiversity & Climate Change) KSPV Pavan Kumar.

Prof Parimal Chandra Bhattacharjee, retired professor in the Department of Zoology, Gauhati University, attended the event as chief guest and Dr Bibhab Kumar Talukdar, CEO, Aaranyak attended as the guest of honour was.

During the event, keynote addresses were presented by Dr Narayan Sharma of Cotton University and Dimpi Bora, DFO, Kamrup West.

A publication of the As-



sam State Biodiversity Board titled "Dima Hasao-An Unexplored Biodiversity Hotspot" was also released during the event.

Other events organized on the occasion also include an awareness workshop on Access and Benefit Sharing and People's biodiversity register in Bodoland University involving students, teachers and local NGOs on May 18; Plantation of endemic fruit plants by Biodiversity Management Committees of Karbi Anglong on May 21 and a com-

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petition cum exhibition of different kind of seeds was organized at Karbi Anglong in association with Aaranyak on May 21.

Besides these, Assam State Biodiversity Board also participated in the National Event on International Day for Biological Diversity at Chennai organized by the National Biodiversity Authority.

The theme for the exhibition was Biodiversity, Nutritional Security and Human Wellbeing wherein ASBB exhibited 48 indigenous varieties of rice of Assam; local bean varieties and medicinal herbs besides showcasing biodiversity standees and publications of ASBB.

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অনুষ্ঠানত "Dima Hasao- An Unexplored Biodiversity" শীৰ্ষক এখন গ্ৰন্থ উন্মোচন কৰা হয়

by **Team EastMojo** May 26, 2022



গুৱাহাটী; আন্তর্জাতিক জৈৱ বৈচিত্র্য দিৱস উপলক্ষে যোৱা ২২ মে'ত অসম ৰাজ্যিক জৈৱ বৈচিত্র্য ব'র্ডে "Building A Shared Future For All Life" শীর্ষক এলানি বিশেষ কার্য্যসূচী আয়োজন কৰে।

এই উপলক্ষে ১৮ আৰু ১৯ মে'ত গ্ৰুপ এ আৰু গ্ৰুপ বি ক্ৰমে ষষ্ঠৰ পৰা অক্ষী শ্ৰেণী আৰু নৱমৰ পৰা ছাদশ শ্ৰেণীৰ দুটা গোটৰ মাজত এক অনলাইন কুইজ প্ৰতিযোগিতাৰ আয়োজন কৰা হয়।

গ্ৰুপ 'এ'ত গুৱাহাটীৰ এক্সেল পাব্লিক স্কুলৰ প্ৰজ্ঞান শৰ্মা (১ম), অশ্বিন ডে (২য়) আৰু হৰ্ষিত তিৱাৰী (৩য়) বিজয়ী হোৱাৰ বিপৰীতে গ্ৰুপ 'বি'ত মাজুলীৰ কৰহালগাঁও বাপুজী হাইস্কুলৰ নৰেন্দ্ৰ শইকীয়া (১ম), নলবাৰীৰ নলন্দা পাব্লিক স্কুলৰ কৰণ কলিতা (২য়) আৰু গুৱাহাটীৰ এক্সেল পাব্লিক স্কুলৰ প্ৰগতি ৰাজকুমুৰী বিজয়ী হয়।

ইয়াৰ উপৰি কাৰ্য্যসূচীৰ অংশ হিচাপে ২২ মে'ত অসম ৰাজ্যিক চিৰিয়াখানাত অনুষ্ঠিত কৰা এক 'ফটো ৱাক'ত ৩০ গৰাকী প্ৰাৰ্থীয়ে পঞ্জীয়ন কৰে আৰু অংশগ্ৰহণকাৰীসকলে ৮১টা প্ৰজাতিৰ উদ্ভিদ আৰু জীৱ-জন্তুক কেমেৰাৰ ফ্ৰেমত আৱদ্ধ কৰে।

আনহাতে ২২ মে'ত অনুষ্ঠিত এক ৰাজ্যিক পৰ্যায়ৰ অনলাইন অনুষ্ঠানত মুখ্য মন্ত্ৰী হিমন্ত বিশ্ব শৰ্মাই সম্বোধন কৰে। গুৱাহাটী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ প্ৰাণীবিজ্ঞান বিভাগৰ অৱসৰপ্ৰাপ্ত অধ্যাপক পৰিমল চন্দ্ৰ ভট্টচাৰ্যই মুখ্য অতিথি হিচাপে অংশগ্ৰহণ কৰা উক্ত অনুষ্ঠানত আৰণ্যকৰ মুখ্য কাৰ্য্যবাহী বিষয়া বিভৱ তালুকদাৰে সন্মানীয় অতিথি হিচাপে উপস্থিত থাকে।

অনুষ্ঠানটোত মূল ভাষণ প্ৰদান কৰে কটন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ ড০ নাৰায়ণ শৰ্মা আৰু অসমৰ কামৰূপ পশ্চিমৰ ডি এফ অ'ৰ আই এফ এছ ডিম্পী বৰাই। অনুষ্ঠানৰ লগত সংগতি ৰাখি অসম ৰাজ্যিক জৈৱ বৈচিত্ৰ্য ব'ৰ্ডৰ "Dima Hasao- An Unexplored Biodiversity" শীৰ্ষক এখন গ্ৰন্থ উন্মোচন কৰা হয়।