#### <u>Report of Celebration of Vigilance Awareness Week-2014 at Rain Forest</u> <u>Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam)</u>

The Central Vigilance Commissioner, Government of India, had decided to observe Vigilance Awareness Week-2014 from 27<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2014. This year's theme of the Awareness Week is *"Combating Corruption-Technology as an Enabler.*" Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat also observed this Week with befitting manner.

The Week began with the taking of "Vigilance Pledge' by the employees of the Institute to fight against corruption. The "Vigilance Pledge' was administered by Dr. R. K. Borah, Group Coordinator (Research) of this institute. The Week marked with various competitions among the employees of the Institute.

An **Essay writing** competition was held on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 on the topic: *"Role of Media in Combating Corruption*" ("দূর্নীতি নিবাৰণত সংবাদ মাধ্যমৰ ভূমিকা"). Three best writers were selected for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> positions. They are Shri Sankar Sarma, Mrs. Nibedita Baruah Dutta, and Ms. Daisy Das. Sri Kumud Borah assisted in judging the Essays.

A **Debating Competition** was organized on 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 among the officials on the topic of the House "Corruption Free India is a Utopian Belief" (,সূলীতি মুক্ত ভাৰত গহা আৰু আকাশত চাং পতা একে কথা"). All contestants strongly put forward their points in support and against the topic of the House. It was witnessed that most of the speakers did not support the topic of the House and hence, the motion of the House was defeated on the floor. This was a very encouraging sign that most of the people wanted by heart that if Indians want, a corruption free India can be established. The competition was conducted by Dr. R. K. Borah, Sri A. K. Deka and Dr. P. K. Das. Three best contestants, namely Shri Sankar Sarma, Dr. Dandeswar Dutta and Shri Ashim Chetia were adjudged as 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively.

On 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014, **Extempore Speech** competition was organized. The competition was conducted by Dr. I. P. Borah and Sri G. Thakuria. Various interesting topics were offered to speak in this competition. All the speakers very fluently and eloquently spoke on the topic assigned to them. Topics were *"Corruption'; "Papa, where do you get money to buy this costly car?'; "What shall I do, if I become the Prime Minister of India'; "Scandals of India', "India against Corruption'; "Ram Rajya' etc. Results of Extempore Speech competition are Dr. Dandeswar Dutta (1<sup>st</sup>), Sri Nityananda Mahanta (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Shri Niren Das (3<sup>rd</sup>).* 

A **Quiz Competition** was organized on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2014 among the members of RFRI family. Overwhelming response was received from competitors as well as audience. The Competition was conducted by Sri R. K. Kalita and assisted by Sri Bhuban Kachari, Sri Rajarshi Bhattacharyya and Sri Abhijit

Three teams were adjudged for first three positions:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Position was held by "Tsunami Team' comprising of Mrs. Nibedita Baruah Dutta, Shri Sankar Sarma & Sri Ashim Chetia
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Position was held by ,,Helen Team' comprising of Dr. R. K. Borah, Ms. Monisha Neog, Ms. Priyakshi Das
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Position** was held by "Katrina Team' comprising of Shri Ajay Kumar, Shri Protul Hazarika and Sri Basanta Nayak

Dr. Dhrubajyoti Das was adjudged as **"Best Audiences**" who gave maximum number of questions thrown to the audience.

A **"Slogan Competition**' was conducted among the employees on the theme "India against Corruption". Three best Slogans were selected among the competitors. Sri Sankar Sarma & Dr. Prosanta Hazarika assisted in judging the slogans.

Position	Name	Slogan
$1^{st}$	Shri Ajay Kumar	"Have some shame, to be corrupt name"
$2^{nd}$	Shri Arabinda	"Say 'no' to corruption is a giant leap towards anti-
	Deka	corruption"
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ms. Daisy Das	"Who said its impossible?
		Rise, Awake & Fight,
		Just a roar from the million moral hearts,
		And see
		How long can the dusk of corruption last!!"

A Popular Talk on a very important topic was organized as part of the Awareness Week celebration at the Valedictory Session on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2014. Dr. Shantana Saikia, Associate Professor, Bahona College, Jorhat (Assam) was invited to deliver the Talk on **"Gender Issues at Workplace".** She spoke on various issues related to sexual harassment at work place such as ,how to deal with these problems'; ,,what are the redressal mechanisms'; ,,what are various precautionary measures to be adopted so that these problems do not occur at workplace' etc. She sensitized the officials of the Institute on Bishakha Guidelines. A very healthy interactive discussion took place after her Talk. Volley of questions were asked by the officials on various Issues and the learned Speaker replied all the questions and clarified all the doubts which were in the minds of the officials. She appealed to all the members of the Institute to create a congenial working atmosphere so that nobody feels harassed.

Prizes were distributed to the winners of various competitions.

Sri R. K. Kalita, Vigilance Officer, RFRI, Jorhat thanked all the officials of RFRI for their active support and cooperation for successful conclusion of the Week. He also thanked the Invited Speaker for her thought provoking presentation and subsequent discussion held with officials of the Institute.

### GLIMPSES OF CELEBRATION OF VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK





**Officials Taking Vigilance Pledge In Front Of Main Building** 



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The Bofors scandal was a major corruption scandal in India with its known political consequences.

Which foreign country was involved in this scandal?





Welcoming of Dr. Shantana Saikia, Invited Speaker



Dr. Shantana Saikia addressed the gathering



Dr. Shantana Saikia Interacted with Officials at the gathering



Sri R. K. Kalita, Vigilance Officer, RFRI conducted the Session







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#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Quiz Team "Katrina"





Discussion of the Invited Speaker with the Members of ICC, RFRI at the sideline of the Talk



Sri R. K. Kalita, Vigilance Officer offering Vote of Thanks