Celebration of World Environment Day-2014

Theme: Raise Your Voice, Not The Sea Level

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam) celebrated World Environment Day-2014 in collaboration with *'Rengoni'*, a Jorhat based NGO at Sessa Satra M. V. School, Mori Jhanji, Jorhat (Assam) on 5th June, 2014. The day-long programme was attended by students of 23 schools of Jorhat district, their teachers, Scientists and Staff members of RFRI, local citizens and others.

The Programme was started with a plantation awareness event among the students and rural people. Sri Loknath Goswami, Head Master (Rtd.) planted a sapling in the school premise. Others guests, rural women, students also participated in the plantation event. In his opening remarks, Sri Goswami stressed on maintaining environmental equilibrium by planting more and more number of saplings.

RFRI supplied following seedling for the Programme:

SN	Species	Quantity
1	Bambusa vulgaris var. vitita	10
2	B. vulgaris var. wamin	10
3	B. multiplex	200
4	Chukrassia tabularis	2
5	Mimosops elengii	3
6	Phyllanthus emblica	3
7	Polyalthia longifolia	8
8	Pseudosasa japonica	150
9	Psidium guajava	3
10	Syzigium cumini	10
11	Terminalia arjuna	20
12	Terminalia chebula	5

An inter school Essay Competition was organized in two categories among the students of 23 schools. Four best students of each category were selected and prizes were awared to them in the Open Session.

Results of Essay Competition are as follows:

Senior Category:

Position	Name	School
1 st	Sri Suraj Das	Ouguri High School
2 nd	Sri Boby Das	Ouguri High School
3 rd	Ms Gitimoni Dutta	Tamulisiga High School
Consolation	Sri Bedanta Bhusan Neog	Bhogamukh Karikori High School

Position	Name	School
1 st	Ms Puja Saikia	Khonamukh M. E. School
2 nd	Ms Madhurima Gogoi	Tamulisiga M. E. School
3 rd	Ms Dikshita Hazarika	Tamulisiga M. E. School
Consolation	Ms Kashmiri Gogoi	Sarbajonin Adarsha Vidyalaya

Junior Category:

An inter school Quiz Competition was organized among the students of Classs VII to X. Total number of 15 teams participated in the preliminary round. Seven teams qualified for main event. The competition was conducted by Sri R. K. Kalita and assited by Sri Nilabh Chandra Das and Sri Sankar Sarma.

Three best teams were selected for three positions:

Position	Name	School
1 st Team	Sri Angan Kashayp, Sri Pran Krishna	Bonai High School
	Bora, Sri Prabhat Krishna Bora	
2 nd Team	Ms Nayalika Bora, Sri Satyajit Bora, Sri	Bhogamukh Adarsha Vidya
	Krishnangku Handiquie	Mandir
3 rd Team	Sri Anirban Gogoi, Sri Uddipta Borah,	Bhogamukh Adarsha Vidya
	Sri Kaushik Ranjan Gogoi	Mandir

An Open Session was held where various speakers spoke about environmental protection. The Session was started with a invocation chorus by students of Khonamukh Jatiya Vidyalaya. Sri Hitendra Nath Sarma Hazarika delivered an invited talk on 'Environmental Challenges in Changing Time'. He sensitized the students on various burning issues of environmental degradation and urged them to find out the solutions of it.

Sri R. K. Kalita and Dr. T. C. Bhuyan, Scientists of RFRI, Sri Mrinal Gogoi, Head Master, Sessa Satra M. V. School, Sri Durgeswar Bora, Head Master, Sessa Satra, M. E. School, Sri Pramod Bora, President, Bhogamukh Gaon Panchayat also addressed the gathering.

Winners of varoius competetion were distibuted the Prizes in the Open Session.

'Rengoni', a Jorhat based NGO which was associated with celebration of World Environment Day has been involved in manifold activities such as environmetal protection, livelihood generation, education, sanitation etc among the rural people in the north eastern part of Jorhat district. Sri Pranjal Bora and Sri Satyajit Saikia helped RFRI to organize this event.

Sri R. K. Kalita, Training Coordinator, RFRI planned and coordinated all the acitivities of the Programme for its successful completetion.

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