

# **Celebration of World Environment Day by RFRI, Jorhat**

***Theme: Connecting People to Nature***

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam) celebrated World Environment Day on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 at Ratanpur Higher Secondary School, Ratanpur, Majuli (Assam). The day-long programme was attended by a large number of students from various schools of Majuli district, their teachers, Scientists and Staff members of RFRI, local citizens and others.

The Programme started with ceremonial plantation programme which was inaugurated by Shri Tosheswar Tamuli, Retired Principal of Ratanpur H. S. School, Majuli by planting a sapling in the school premise. Sri Gajendra Nath Bharali, Principal and Sri Harendra Nath Saikia, Vice Principal of Ratanpur H. S. School, Majuli (Assam) also planted saplings. Plantation programme was followed by various competitions held among the students of different schools of Majuli district.

Results of various competitions are given below:

## **A) Drawing competition:**

### **Senior Category (Class IX to X):**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ms. Anjana Baruah	Padmasri High School, Majuli
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sri Hirakjyoti Borah	Ratanpur H. S. School, Majuli
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sri Prachuja Pratim Kalita Ms. Rajashree Saikia	Navajyoti High School, Majuli Ratanpur H. S. School, Majuli

### **Junior Category (Class VI to VIII):**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sri Achinta Saikia	Navajyoti High School, Majuli
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ms. Pubali Lahon	Ratanpur M. E. School, Majuli
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ms. Chayanika Borah Sri Pinku Hazarika	Harighat Rangolibahar Girls M.E.School, Majuli Ratanpur M. E. School, Majuli

Drawing competition was conducted by Dr. Dhrubajyoti Das, Mr. Bibhuti Deka, Mr. Arabinda Deka and Sri Francis Nath.

**B) Extempore Speech Competition:**

*Senior Category (Class IX to X):*

Position	Name	School
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sri Lakhi Debnath	Navajyoti High School,Majuli
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ms. Nikita Tamuli	Ratanpur H. S. School, Majuli
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ms. Reema Das	Navajyoti High School,Majuli

*Junior Category(Class VI to VIII):*

Position	Name	School
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sri Anutpal Kalita	Navajyoti High School,Majuli
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ms. Ruby Baruah	Harighat Rangolibahar Girls M.E.School, Majuli
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sri Manjit Dutta	Bhakatiduar H. S. School, Majuli.

Extempore Speech Competition was conducted by Mr. Pratul Hazarika, Mrs. Nivedita Baruah Sri Ashim Chetia of RFRI, Jorhat and and Sri Sunil Borah and Sri R. Kalita of Ratanpur H. S. School, Majuli.

**D) Quiz Competition:**

An inter school Quiz Competition was also organized among the students of Classes IX to X. Six teams qualified for main event. The competition was conducted by Sri Rajib Kr. Kalita, Scientist-E of RFRI, Jorhat and assisted by Sri Bibhuti Deka, Sri Nilabh Chandra Das, and other teachers of Majuli.

Three best teams were selected as follows:

Position	Name	School
1 <sup>st</sup> Team	Sri Hirokkyoti Borah Sri Debojit Borah	Ratanpur H. S. School, Majuli
2 <sup>nd</sup> Team	Ms. Bitumoni Saikia Ms. Anjana Baruah	Padmasri High School, Majuli
3 <sup>rd</sup> Team	Sri Somiron Rajkhowa Ms. SibaniSaikia	Bhakatiduar H. S. School, Majuli
4 <sup>th</sup> Team	Sri Dipul Kalita Sri Monuranjan Borah	Navajyoti High School,Majuli
Best Audience	Sri Abhinandan Saikia Sri Pradeep Bonia	Ratanpur H. S. School, Majuli

**Open Session:**

Open Session organized on the occasion was chaired by Sri Gajendra Nath Bharali, Principal of Ratanpur H. S. School, Majuli. Sri Ananda Hazarika, President of Governing Body of

Ratanpur H. S. School, Ratanpur and Sri Padaram Borah, a retired Teacher of Ratanpur locality were among the distinguished people attended the Session. Sri Rajib Kr. Kalita, Scientist-E of RFRI, Jorhat attended the Meeting and addressed the gathering and highlighted various burning issues related to environmental degradation and global warming and their deleterious effects on this planet.

Mrs. Nibedita Boruah, RO of RFRI, Jorhat delivered a popular talk on *Connecting People to Nature*. She covered various issues relating to global warming, rain water harvesting, wetland conservation, protection of the already planted tree saplings and plantation of local trees, along with identification and preservation through plantation of at risk local trees, which will lead to a holistic outlook and relation with mother nature.

Cultural programmes such as Borgeet, Lukageet and other Songs were performed by the students of Ratanpur H. S. School, Ratanpur, Majuli (Assam).

Certificates and Prizes were distributed to the winners of various competitions in the Open Session.

Sri Sunil Borah, Assistant Teacher of Ratanpur H. S. School, Ratanpur, Majuli offered formal vote of thanks.

### **Side Events:**

Institute also organized a Nature Trail on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 to Hollongapar Gibbon Sanctuary to understand the ecosystem of the Sanctuary while walking through it. There were around 70 participants that included students and teachers of various schools of Jorhat district apart from Director, Scientists, Staff and Parents of RFRI.

A photography competition was also organised from all sections of society. Five entries were received and two best photographs were sent to FRI, Dehradun for national competition.



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