

Global expert advocates for canopy research in N-E



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Globally renowned expert on forest canopy ecology, Professor Margaret Lowman of North Carolina State University, USA has underlined the need for undertaking research on forest canopy in the North East India. Addressing a Aaranyak-ATREE sponsored seminar on United Nations Year of the Forest : Inspiring new stakeholders to reverse deforestation at Handique Girls College here on February 5 last, Professor (Dr) Lowman said there was tremendous scope for study of canopy ecology in forest areas of the North East with involvement of the community. She said such research would lead to unearthing new facts about the environment and egged on the girl students to take a plunge in it for conservation of nature.

The seminar was organised in view of the United Nations General Assembly declaring the year 2011 as the International Year of Forests to raise the awareness level on sustainable management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests.

In her lecture Dr. Lowman shared her adventurous study on rain forest canopies, while juggling family and career, in some of the most remote jungles of the world.

Internationally recognized for her pioneering research in forests canopy ecology, Dr. Meg Lowman has explored all three major rain forests of the world - Africa, Australia/Asia, and the Neotropics (including the Amazon). She is the author of over 95 peer-reviewed publications and four books.

The programme graced by Dr T Ganesh and Dr Soubhadra Devi of ATREE, Dr Indira Bordoloi , Principal of Handique Girls College and Dr Bibhab Kumar Talukdar, secretary general, Aaranyak.

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