

Plantation on Global Tiger Day



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The International Tiger [Day](#) 2014 was observed [today](#) with a Tree [Plantation](#) Drive by the Green Guard [Nature](#) Organization with fringe [forest](#) communities at the [Karbi](#) foothills, [Nagaon](#). Altogether 128 Bhomora, a deer favorite, 97 bhim kol or giant banana stumps and saplings, 150 Jackfruit saplings and a assortment of other native saplings were planted at Hodhodi, Lungsung, close to the Swang RF and a known wildlife corridor that has been degraded by [illegal](#) deforestation in recent years. What made it all the [more](#) memorable was the fact that several children of [illegal](#) timber merchants were there to participate wholeheartedly in the plantation drive, motivated gradually over the years by the words and actions of Sanctuary Asia Tiger Defender [Dulu Bora](#). After the plantation and before lunch, Green Guard Organizing Secretary Hemanta Sharma gave a stirring speech about the need to protect the [forest](#) habitat and the importance of apex predators like the Tiger, which was once common in these parts but is now considered a prized sighting. Besides [Hemanta Sharma](#) & [Dulu Bora](#), other Green Guard members present included Amial G Momin, Uttam Sangma, Satyam Naik and Raphael Naik. Villagers from Kathalguri, Borline, Beheraline, Ghilalota, Somosia Line, Lungsung and Chapanala were present.



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