

World Environment Day observed across Assam



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Sunday is the World [Environment](#) Day and this year's global theme "[Zero](#) tolerance for Illegal [Wildlife](#) Trade" [found](#) resonance in events observed across Assam, to mark the day.

New recruits of Assam Police joined hands to learn about nature, to care for the environment and environmental issues through an awareness event organised by [Aaranyak](#) in collaboration with Assam chapter of Institutions of [Engineers](#) and 4th APBN authorities in Guwahati. A big number of recruits under [training](#) at 4th APBN along with officers of 4th APBN attended a plantation programme at 4th APBN campus followed by a meeting on this year's World [Environment](#) Day's global theme "Fight Against Illegal Trade in [Wildlife](#)".

Partha Sarathi Mahanta, commandant of 4th APBN led the attendees in taking a Green Oath to protect the environment. Purnima Devi Barman, who recently was awarded the prestigious '[India](#) Biodiversity [Award](#) [2016](#)', by UNDP played an active role. Mr. P. Adhikari of Institution of [Engineers](#), Assam Chapter encouraged the recruits to do their part to ensure wildlife protection. Dr. Bibhab Kumar Talukdar, Secretary General and CEO of [Aaranyak](#) in his speech stressed on the need to curb growing [trend](#) of wildlife poaching and illegal wildlife [trade](#) in Assam and other states of [North East India](#). He added that, "It is the duty of all Indian citizens to come forward and help save [wildlife](#) and check [wildlife](#) crime. [Wildlife](#) crime should not be taken lightly [as](#) there are increasing examples of how increase in illegal wildlife [trade](#) could pose threats to national security."

In addition to Guwahati, World [Environment](#) Day was also observed in other parts of Assam including areas around [Kaziranga](#) and Manas [National](#) Park. Almost 400 students from fringe villages around [Kaziranga National](#) Park took part in drawing and quiz competitions arranged by [Aaranyak](#) in collaboration with local Police and Range office

authorities. These events held at Bokakhat, Kohora and Burhapahar in [Kaziranga](#), also included tree plantations where people from all communities took an active part. School students from fringe villages of Manas [National](#) Park observed World [Environment](#) Day through drawing and quiz competitions while the women of Bhuyanpara planted saplings and attended an awareness meet by [Aaranyak](#) in collaboration with MEWS and Gypsy Safari Association. Students from different schools of the fringe area were taken to MNP for an orientation tour. Alolika Sinha, [Aaranyak](#) interacted with the students, describing conservation value of Manas.

In [Tinsukia](#) district, Digboi College and [Aaranyak](#) joined hands to organise a panel discussion on “[Zero](#) tolerance for Illegal [Wildlife](#) Trade”, which was attended by different law enforcement groups. [Quiz](#) and art competitions were also held among school and college students in [Tinsukia](#) district.

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