

Aaranyak Launches Hoolock Gibbon Conservation Education Program in Arunachal Pradesh



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Guwahati, September 18: Aaranyak, in partnership with the Namdapha Tiger Reserve Authority and supported by the Arcus Foundation, has initiated a groundbreaking Hoolock gibbon conservation education program in the fringe areas of Namdapha Tiger Reserve, Changlang district, Arunachal Pradesh.

This initiative, which commenced on August 22, is the first of its kind in the state and aims to create a community of young conservationists who can actively contribute to the protection of this endangered primate. The program has reached 17 schools in the Miao subdivision, covering students from upper primary to higher secondary levels.

The sessions, conducted by the Primate Research and Conservation Division of Aaranyak, include lectures, video screenings, interactive discussions, and distribution of educational materials. The program emphasizes the importance of Hoolock gibbon conservation and its role in the overall biodiversity of the region.

V.K. Jawal, Director of Namdapha Tiger Reserve, expressed his appreciation for Aaranyak's efforts and highlighted the significance of the Hoolock gibbon as the state animal of Arunachal Pradesh. Dr. Dilip Chetry, a renowned primatologist from Aaranyak, emphasized the need for habitat conservation and community involvement to protect this endangered species.

This education program is a crucial step towards ensuring the long-term survival of Hoolock gibbons in Arunachal Pradesh and fostering a culture of conservation among the local communities.

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