

Biodiversity workshop in Udalguri



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A field base biodiversity [workshop](#) for college students, HoD of Botany and Zoology departments of colleges, officials of environmental NGOs of Darrang and [Udalguri](#) districts was held in [JFMC](#) man made forest at [Bhairabkunda](#) near Assam-Bhutan-[Arunachal](#) border meet point on September 14 with day long activities. The activities were organized by [ATREE](#) (Ashoka Trust For Research in Ecology and the [Environment](#)) in association with Aryabhatta Science Centre (ASTEC, Assam), [Udalguri](#) district branch and [Udalguri](#) district administration. The inaugural ceremony of the [workshop](#) was held at the [Conference](#) Hall of the Deputy Commissioner, [Udalguri](#) at 10 am. Jayanta [Das](#) of [ASC, Udalguri](#) welcomed all the distinguished guests and participants from Darrang and [Udalguri](#) district before explaining the need for the launching of the Assam Biodiversity Portal ([ABP](#)) by [ATREE](#). Sadhana Hojai, Deputy Commissioner, [Udalguri](#) inaugurated the [workshop](#). Thanking [ATREE](#) and Aryabhatta Science Centres of ASTEC for organizing the [workshop](#) in [Udalguri](#) district, she said that students must be involved in the biodiversity conservation activities so as to encourage them to explore undiscovered species of flora and fauna of both Darrang and [Udalguri](#) district. B J Manta, ADC, [Udalguri](#); MK Sarma, DFO, Dhansiri Forest Division, [Udalguri](#); Dipen Boro, vice president, ABSU [state](#) committee; Dr. Rohit Daimary, HoD, Botany, [Udalguri](#) College etc also attended the inaugural ceremony. Rohit George, NE Coordinator of [ATREE](#) conducted the technical session both in the conference hall and in the [JFMC](#) forest in [Bhairabkunda](#). Teachers and students from Mangaldai College, [Tangla](#) College, [Udalguri](#) College, [Udalguri](#) HSS

participated in the technical field activities under the supervision of Rohit George of [ATREE](#) and convener of Assam Biodiversity Portal. He demonstrated how to upload photos of any species of flora and fauna in the [ABP](#) website for the benefit of all. Leena Saikia (Mangaldai College), Anima Bhuyan Barua (HoD, Zoology, [Tangla](#) College), Sarojini Talukdar (HoD, Botany, [Tangla](#) College) assisted Rohit George in the field activities. Ismail Daimary, Secretary, [JFMC](#), [Bhairabkunda](#) spoke on the history of the picturesque man made forest with an area of 5500 bigha lands touching Bhutan and [Arunachal](#) Pradesh. With more than 15 lakhs of well grown tree saplings planted by its members since 2007. He said that wild elephants, leopards, deer, pythons, wild boar etc have started taking shelter in the [JFMC](#) bringing a ray of hope amid destruction of forest and wildlife in Assam. [Conservation](#) activists and senior journalists Bhargab Kumar [Das](#), Mayukh Goswami and Ganesh Dutta (from Darrang) and wildlife activist Nerkhang Khaklari, Debashis Phukan, Raj D Mushahary etc ([Udalguri](#)) also attended. BJ Manta, ADC [Udalguri](#) distributed the certificates of participation at the end.

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