

Bittu Sahgal, Jadav Payeng joins Tezpur Tiger Fest



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Bagh Bihu, Bagh Jhumur and Bagh Natak were on show yesterday [as](#) the children of [over 10](#) Tezpur schools raised their hands for the conservation of the Royal Bengal Tiger.

The Sanctuary Asia Aircel Save Our Tigers programme for school students, Kids For Tigers Tezpur season 2015-16, culminated with a grand 'Tiger Fest' at the Tezpur Collegiate High School premises.

Sanctuary Asia Founder Editor Bittu Sahgal, his noble wife, and the moving spirit behind the Kids For Tigers family Madhu Sahgal and our very own venerated Forest Man of [India](#) Padmashri Jadav Payeng were among the host of naturalists who [celebrated](#) the creative spirit of hundreds of students and their equally inspired teachers from the participating [city](#) schools. Songs, [dance](#) & drama, face painting, mask making, stall display, on-the-spot art, photo exhibition, poster making, etc., were on show [as](#) the students sought to express what they felt and learnt from the natural world.

Bittu Sahgal, who founded Sanctuary Asia [over](#) 25 years ago, called upon the children to take charge of nature conservation [as](#) the future was in their capable hands. He also thanked the Kids For Tigers Assam Coordinator Rituraj Phukan, Tezpur Coordinators Abinash Handique and Paridhi Brahma, and the only Sanctuary Asia Tiger Defender from the north [east](#) Binod Dulu Borah, for bringing this engaging programme to the [city](#) of eternal love.

Jadav Payeng said that reforestation alone could save mankind from the consequences of climate change and that humans can not survive on earth if other species disappeared. He expressed great joy at being present to see the creative spark of the children of Tezpur and promised to return whenever he can to participate in these activities involving children.

Hemanta Sharma, organizing Secretary of Green Guard [Nature](#) Organization, Bipul Gogoi, tiger attack survivor and an early associate of the Forest Man and several teachers representing the different schools also interacted with the students.

Madhurjya Nath of Besseria H.S. School was revealed [as](#) the Tezpur Tiger Ambassador [2016](#) and he will represent the [city](#) at the Kids For Tigers [National](#) Camp at the Umred-Karandla WLS in March. The host school won the Best School [Award](#) at the prize distribution ceremony, while individual and [group](#) awards were shared by all the participating schools. Members of Green Guard [Nature](#) Organization conducted the festivities with the cooperation of volunteers from Darrang College and Tezpur Collegiate School.



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