

Earth Day Celebrated in Assam



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Earth Day is the largest, most widely celebrated international environmental event organized with a view to spread awareness as to how the earth can be preserved and eventually saved. It is celebrated with much fanfare throughout the world. In an attempt to reach out to children, the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India celebrated Earth Day on April 22 every year to encourage the children on eco-friendly living and preserving the biodiversity.

Advancement of Peoples Group (APG) has celebrated the Earth Day in Shankardev Sishu Niketan at Rangapara along with 14 other schools in Assam. The theme of the entire event was “Every Day is Earth Day”. This initiative was supported by Ministry of Earth Science.

To-day the celebration starts from 10 am with an few minutes meeting presided by the Principal Acharya of the school Pratibha Dutta, members of APG also presented. Addressing the participants, guardians, teachers and staff from other schools in Rangapara Pratibha Dutta said “it is call of the hour to reduce pollution and to adopt a eco-friendly living.” She also added that small steps like walking or cycling to school, economically use of water and food stuff, planting trees, not littering, reducing waste specially plastic products are actually giant strides of mankind in preserving for the future.

The celebration is scheduled with a painting competition, held among three category of Primary classes (up to 5thStandard), Junior classes (6th-10th Standard), and Senior classes (11th-12th Standard). Similarly, the students present on the celebration have also voluntarily undertake awareness activities of tree plantation, city cleaning and bicycle rally to promote nonpolluting forms of transportation. Despite heavy rain during morning hours today more than 300 children take participation in the celebration at Shankar Dev Sishu Niketan and similarly the participants number outstanding in rest of the schools. The topics for the art competition covered all the diverse aspects and issues of our environment and its protection.



The art competition entries held among the 15 school will checked by the Ministry before announcement of prize. The first prize for all the three levels were of Rs. 5000/- (each); the second prize of Rs. 4000/- (each); the third prize of Rs. 3000/- (each); and the fourth prize was of Rs. 2000/ (Rs. 500/- each). It is to be mentioned that awarded entries will be passed on to the Ministry of Earth Sciences to be considered for an All India Award. Moreover, to celebrate the event every sort of material provided to the school, few of them are 5 laminated Vinyl bilingual posters containing themes relevant to Earth Day, 2 banners (size 6ft × 3 ft), booklet of small speeches that has to be read out by students in the assembly about Earth Day, Sheet for Drawing and refreshment for the participating of children.

The other schools are Sri Sri Pitambar Dev High School of Garmurh Majuli, Balya Bhawan School of Jorhat, Lakhimpur Govt. Boys HS School, Udalguri Girls HS School, 7 Schools of Vivekananda Kendra and three Schools of Don Bosco.

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