

## Lifetime Achievement Award to JFMC Bhairabkunda



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[Kaziranga Wildlife](#) Society (KWS) held its annual [Nature Conservation](#) Day in memory of its founder president Padmashree [Robin](#) Banerjee at the pensioners Bhawan at Chandmari in Guwahati on August 12. On the occasion the KWS Lifetime Achievement [Award](#) was presented to [JFMC](#) forest of [Bhairabkunda](#) ([Gedsimani](#) Forest) in [Udalguri](#) district. The [JFMC](#) comprising local villagers were instrumental in transforming a vast stretch of barren land (5500 bighas) into a [green](#) forest which today shelters wide ranging wildlife. Delivering key note address on wildlife in urban areas of Assam, writer and conservationist Dr. Anowaruddin Choudhury said that the so called man [animal](#) conflict was actually a misnomer [as](#) the animals have no role in the conflict. Senior journalist Wasbir Hussain also stressed the need for media sensitization on the issue and [training](#) for media personnel. Ismail Daimari secretary of the [JFMC](#) said that the villagers of six villages near Assam-[Arunachal](#)-Bhutan had begun an endeavour in 2007 with first plantation and since then they had planted more than 14 lakhs trees. The barren land is now a [green](#) oasis sheltering wide range of animals and birds including wild elephants, bears, deer, leopards etc. [Journalist](#) Mubina Akhtar, secretary of [Kaziranga Wildlife](#) Society in her inaugural speech explained the purpose of the event and welcomed all the distinguished guests while senior [journalist](#) Pranay Bordoloi conducted the proceedings. The [JFMC](#) delegation felicitated a few conservation [workers](#) namely- Padum Borthakur, [President](#); Prashanta Gogoi, Working [President](#); Mubina Akhtar, Secretary of [Kaziranga Wildlife](#) Society; Parvati Barooah (Hasti Kanya); senior journalist cum [wildlife](#) activist Pranoy Bordoloi and [wildlife](#) activist Jayanta Kumar [Das](#)

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