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Taranga, a Citizen Action Network was [launched](#) on the occasion of World [Environment](#) Day, at B Borooah College, Guwahati on Sunday. Taranga will facilitate the creation of a compassionate and responsible citizenry which demonstrates collective citizen action at the local [level](#) and impacts the overall region in a sustainable manner. This is an initiative of the Tata Institute of [Social](#) Sciences (TISS) has collaborated with [National](#) Water Mission (NWM). Taranga will enable citizen organisations to augment water and environmental issues. It will include all the stakeholders united by a joint vision to – ‘manage water sustainably for all in the ecosystem’. This platform intends to support action in water sector by offering opportunities to people to be in action, and for [leaders](#) from the government, corporate sector, academia and civil society to build action-based alliances for paradigmatic shifts.

In the northeast, this network will contribute in Bramhaputra River Basin by taking up water and allied sector issues, by creating awareness for citizen action to solve problems related to water pollution and wastage in a sustainable manner. TARANGA will facilitate organizations with committed citizens coming together from across all sectors to take action in preservation and conservation of water. Such organization will be formed in schools, colleges, universities, government offices, industrial setups, private institutions and at the [community level](#).

Nilotpall [Das](#) from Eco-Concept said a stronger resource base would strengthen the entire Network. Discussion also revolved around how much work has been done by many institutions but has not been able to scale for sustainable change. Professor Sambit Mallick from IIT Guwahati stressed on how every small organization within the network must take initiatives with specific objectives that can be delivered on a time bound manner. NWM-TISS Project Manager Dou Simte said participants [as](#) well [as](#) citizens must address their immediate localities and ecosystem to create a diverse set of solutions that can be replicated elsewhere.

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