

Tourists guides orientation workshop at Pabitora



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A two-day orientation workshop was organised at Pabitora Wildlife Sanctuary (WLS) for tourist guides under the aegis of Guwahati Wildlife Division in association with Aaranyak and Jeep Safari Association, Pabitora on October 26-27 last.

Setting workshop in motion, the DFO of Guwahati Wildlife Division D D Gogoi mentioned about the important role Jeep Safari Association could play in uplifting the image of the wildlife sanctuary so that it receives more visitors. He also spoke on rhino conservation efforts in Assam with special reference to Pabitora WLS which has the highest density of one-horned rhinoceros on the globe.

Dr Bibhab Talukdar, secretary general of Aaranyak briefed the participants on the importance of conservation of wildlife besides giving tips on bird watching given that Pabitora WLS is known to receive a large number of winged visitors every winter during a bird watching and filed visit to Tamuli Dova within the wildlife protection area.

Additional Superintendent of Police of Marigaon district, Hemanta Das sensitised the participants of the workshop about the importance of ensuring safety and security of tourists to the Pabitora WLS to make it a most sought after destination. He said the tourist guides and Jeep Safari Association members could play a very important role in helping law enforcing agencies in this regard.

Circle Officer of Bhakatgaon Circle under Marigaon district, Dhiraj Saud explained about the importance of promoting tourism to build up the vital public support for conservation of wildlife.

Chairman of Assam Elephant Foundation Kaushik Barua gave an outline on how to keep tourist interested in visiting Pabitora Wildlife Sanctuary

About 40 participants attended the meeting. Certificates were given to the participants while Aaranyak donated six bird identification guides and six Amphibian and Reptile identification guide to be used by forest officials of Pabitora WLS and the Jeep Safari Association, Pabitora.

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