

Van Mahotsav celebration begins at Kalaigaon



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The civil administration of [Bhergaon](#) sub-division has [launched](#) week long celebration of Van Mahotsav in [Bhergaon](#) sub-division from July 1. The inaugural programme was held at Kanak Lata [Das Bio-diversity](#) Park at Kalaigaon on July 1 at 9 am. DN [Hazarika](#), ADC, [Udalguri](#) cum [SDO](#) (Civil) I/C, [Bhergaon](#) sub-division formally inaugurated the series of plantation and awareness drive at the bio-diversity Park situated at picturesque Kalaigaon Sevashram in presence of several hundred students, teachers, officials and public. While speaking on the occasion, ADC [Hazarika](#) narrated the history of construction of Kanak Lata [Das](#) Bio-diversity Park. He proudly mentioned the contribution of

Freedom Fighter late [Pani Ram Das](#) of Kalaigaon who had donated 35 bighas of land for the construction of the park in the memory of his wife, noted social worker and Gandhian follower late Kanak Lata [Das](#) in 2007. He also thanked the people who had been working relentlessly for the conservation of flora and fauna of the locality. He specially requested students for taking up the [job](#) of protecting nature and [wildlife](#) in their respective areas. [Wildlife](#) activist Jayanta Kumar [Das](#) spoke on the need for creating awareness among people specially among students and children so [as](#) to protect and conserve bio-diversity for smaller animals, birds, reptiles- like snakes, monitor lizards, butterflies, insects etc. He also said that unless people [start](#) conserving smaller plots of lands with wild grass or creepers, insects, frogs, butterflies etc would be disappear causing severe damage to bio-diversity. Maheswar Boro, MLA, Kalaigaon attending the inaugural ceremony [as](#) the [chief](#) guest thanked [Bhergaon](#) civil administration for the unique inauguration of the Van Mahotsav week at Kalaigaon. He specially mentioned that smaller animals or birds like owls, kites, snakes, frogs, earth worms etc were most necessary for maintaining a good natural balance, otherwise of which the human population would suffer most. Several hundred saplings were planted at the bio-diversity park premises, beside distribution among students and teachers. Several distinguished people of the subdivision including [Manoj Bania](#), [BDO](#), Kalaigaon Block; Binu Deka, Head Mistress of Kalaigaon Girls HS; Basanta Deka, [Principal](#), Lokapriya Bordoloi Public School, Kalaigaon; officials of forest department, [Udalguri](#), ROSS [NGO](#), [Tangla](#) etc. It needs mentioning that [Bhergaon](#) civil administration will continue organizing week long celebration of Van Mahotsav at [Tangla](#) on July [2](#); Khagara HS, Khoirabari on July 3; at all offices of the sub-division on July 4; Khagrabari Janata HS on July 5; at Kacharital HS on July [6](#) and finally at [Khalingduar](#) Reserve Forest on July [7](#) where selected students from all the places mentioned will be taken to deep inside forest for real knowledge of wildlife and nature.

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