

## World Environment day programme for policemen



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With an objective to enlighten police personnel of Assam about the importance of conservation of nature and wildlife for survival of humanity on World Environment Day (WED), Aaranyak, a premier biodiversity conservation organisation in the Northeast today organised a programme in collaboration with Assam chapter of Institutions of Engineers in India here.

A large number of policemen both in uniform and civvies attended the programme that focused on the important role the police could play in prevention of wildlife crime and conservation of biodiversity. All the participants took a Green Oath in the programme.

The policemen were listening when one of their senior officers, L R Bishnoi (IGP) of Assam police sounded them how forest cover in Assam and Northeast were fast dwindling posing threat to survival of wildlife. Bishnoi explained how survival of the mankind is dependent of the survival of wildlife and forest cover.

“1.3 billion tons of food gets wasted in the world per year while one-seventh of the global population remains either hungry or underfed and about 20,000 children below the age of five years die of hunger everyday in the world. But we are destroying forest to increase food production to feed the burgeoning world population. We have to think about it. All of us have a role to play in conservation of the nature for the sake of our future,” Bishnoi said.

He said that under this critical situation not only the policemen, but everybody in general especially in a populous country like India must love the nature and wildlife for their preservation.

Secretary General of Aaranyak, Dr Bibhab Kumar Talukdar gave a detail power-point presentation on wildlife crime scenario and the danger posed by it to survival of wildlife all over the world. He also explained how policemen could play a role in checking such crimes.

Advocate Ajoy Kumar Das explained before the participating policemen about the efficacy various provisions of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and Wildlife (Protection) Assam Amendment, 2009 in dealing with wildlife crimes so as to ensure maximum punishment to the guilty.

The Team Aaranyak today conducted total 14 WED programme all over Assam including several programme in schools located near Kaziranga National Park, at Numaligarh, Bokakhat, Bogaigaon and other locations. All the programme were well attended.

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