

World Environment Day: Two Days of Inspiration



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Everyday is World [Environment](#) Day' is an oft heard comment these days. The Green Guard [Nature](#) Organization swears by it and on the 2nd day of the World [Environment](#) Day celebrations, a People's March was organized from Jiajuri to Chapanala, in collaboration with the Jiajuri Yuvak Sangha. The purpose was to raise the pitch for [nature](#) conservation and increase awareness of the consequences of global warming and the marchers carried three logs covered in shrouds to highlight rampant forest destruction in the Karbi foothills. It was followed by a [Nature](#) Awareness Camp at the Chapanala Chariali where members of the print and electronic media interacted with the participants. Hundreds of men, women and children, some with their faces painted as wild animals raised slogans and carried placards to conserve [nature](#) and save the planet from catastrophic climate change.

At the [Nature](#) Awareness Camp, organized with the support of the Sanctuary initiated TINA Grant for Dulu [Bora](#), the participants vowed to relentlessly pursue greening of the area and live '[green](#)' lifestyles. They also promised to undertake massive plantation of elephant fodder trees with [Green](#) Guard [Nature](#) Organization in the degraded Karbi hills habitat. Dulu [Bora](#) also advised the participants that in a global civilization, it is important for everyone to 'think global and act local'.

On 5th June, students from 30 schools around the Karbi foothills area converged at Chapanala, Nagaon, to celebrate World [Environment](#) Day organized by Green Guard [Nature](#) Organization, Protibha Bikash Gosthi, JDG Girls High School and the Forest Department. Nearly a thousand students, teachers and members of various [community](#) groups participated in the programme which included face painting, poster art, folk dance, sloganeering, tree plantation and awareness talks. Hemanta Sharma, Dulu [Bora](#) and Raju [Bora](#) from Green Guard and ACF Motiur Rahman from the Forest Dept. talked about the relevance of World [Environment](#) Day, climate change and the need to adopt environmentally aware lifestyles. The programme started with a token tree plantation programme at the JDG Girls High School and concluded with the planting of thousands of saplings, stumps & seeds of native species, including nearly 1000 elephant fodder trees like bhim kol (giant banana), jack fruit, etc. at Bagherghati, close to the species rich Swang RF near Chapanala.

At [Morigaon](#), 5th June was marked at St. Theresa's School by Green Guard [Nature](#) Organisation in association with the Regional Organisation for [Social](#) Empowerment and the [Photography](#) Club of [Morigaon](#). Activities included the screening of a wildlife documentary, slideshow on snakes by Debajit Kalita, an interactive discussion session by [Ranjan](#) Barthakur and Dip Jyoti [Bora](#) and a token tree plantation in the school premises.

Elsewhere, Green Guard Secretary General Rituraj Phukan delivered a talk on [Climate Change](#) impacts & opportunities at the World [Environment](#) Day celebrations at the BitChem Knowledge Centre at Baridua, Meghalaya and the seminar organized by the Federation of Industry & Commerce of North Eastern Region (FINER) at the NEDFI Convention Centre, Dispur, Guwahati.

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