

“WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY, 2017”

Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose Indian Botanic Garden, Howrah is one of the oldest and biggest botanic garden of South-East Asia. This garden is actively involved in *Ex-situ* conservation of rare, endemic and economically important plants from across the globe for more than two centuries. Research as its prime objective, this garden also plays a significant role and disseminating research information and public awareness. Every year a series of awareness programmes are organized for the public. On the same line, “World Environment Day, 2017” is celebrated at the Curator Office of the garden on the theme “Connecting People to Nature” on 5th June 2017. A series of events like Saplings Distribution of 150 economically and medicinally important plants to the public from the two gates, Mass Rally for school children and Sit & Draw Competition for the various age group students on the topics ‘My Dream Forest’, ‘A Roof-Garden in Modern Life’ and ‘Eco-tourism in Harmony with Nature’ are organized. A total of 570 participants from Howrah, Kolkata, Hooghly and Midnapore participated in these events.

Prof. Biman Bandyopadhyay, Registrar, IEST, Shibpur, Howrah graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and Dr. Paramjit Singh, Director, Botanical Survey of India was the Guest of Honour along with valuable presence of a number of high level officials of Botanical Survey of India. The problem of global warming and ozone layer depletion being faced globally, Prof. Bandyopadhyay emphasized on the need for involvement of children in cleaning and conservation activities so as to make the Mother Nature more affectionate and caring for the future generations. The entire programme was successfully coordinated by the scientist-in-charge Dr. Arabinda Pramanik and the Garden Curator Dr. M. U. Sharief along with other officials of the garden.



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