

Celebration of World Forestry Day - 2014.

The World Forestry Day – 2014, was celebrated on the 21st March 2014, in the Conference Room of Zilla Parishad Guest House at Dhamakhali, under Sandeshkhali-II PS of 24 Parganas North District with the logistic and administrative support of the Joygopalpur Youth Development Centre (JYDC), Dhamakhali, a well-known and active NGO of the locality.

Over 77 participants attended the celebration which included local villagers, EDC/JFMC members of Hingalganj PS under Sundarban Tiger Reserve, SHG members from Manipur, Atapur, Durgamandap etc GPs, and School students from Monipur MBC School, Khulna PCLaha High School etc. Besides, important Panchayet representatives like Karmadhyaksha, Ban O Bhumi Sthayee Samity, Sandeshkhali-II PS, Upa Pradhan and Members from Gram Panchayets took part in the programme. The occasion was also graced by the meaningful participation of Hon. MLA, Sandeshkhali, Sri Nirapada Sardar. Dr.(Ms) Malabika Biswas Roy, Assistant Professor, GCBT College, Habra contributed greatly in the success of the programme.

Sri S Das Sr. Scientist, Regional Centre, NAEB (MoEF, GoI), Jadavpur University, Kolkata welcomed the guests and participants, particularly Hon. MLA Sandeshkhali, Sri Nirapada Sardar and Dr.(Ms) Malabika Biswas Roy Assistant Professor, GCBT College, Habra who spared their valuable time for the programme. Sri Das appreciated the participation of important Panchayet representatives, members of EDC/JFMC/SHGs, school students and hoped that through them the message of the programme will be propagated far and wide and will have significant effect in the matter of preservation of forests which is the ultimate objective of the programme.

The key speaker, Dr. (Ms) Malabika Biswas Roy, Assistant Professor, GCBT College, Habra, elaborated on different types and various aspects of forests and explained in details the impact of forest on ecosystem, on society and on the overall living system, laying utmost emphasis on the importance of forest preservation. Hon. MLA Sandeshkhali, Sri Nirapada Sardar made an effective and inspirational speech on the subject of importance and preservation of forests and spelt out clearly the role of the students, the panchayet representatives and the general public in the matter. He profusely thanked Dr. (Ms) Malabika Biswas Roy for the very useful deliberations on the subject and wished that such lectures be organized frequently in future. Shri, Soumyajit Biswas, Jr. Research Scientist, Centre, NAEB (MoEF, GoI), Jadavpur University briefly explained the importance and various aspects of forest on society and human life. Representatives from Panchayet, EDC/JFMC/SHG members etc gave their views and expressed their determination to preserve forest and motivate others in the matter.

On the basis of the above deliberations extempore presentations were made by the school students which were highly appreciated by all. To make the occasion memorable, each student was presented with a durable (laminated) copy, depicting countless services provided by forest for the well being of humankind.

To conclude Sri S Das Sr. Scientist conveyed profuse thanks to all the guests and participants for their significant contribution and declared the programme as closed.

