

Report on World Environment Day Celebration, 5th June 2024

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Objectives

- To raise awareness on environmental sustainability, plastic waste reduction, and climate action.
- To encourage students and faculty to engage in eco-friendly practices and sustainable living.
- To foster collaboration between educational institutions, environmental organizations, and local communities in promoting environmental stewardship.

Target Audience:

- Students, faculty, and staff of Assam Don Bosco University, Azara Campus
- Local community members (Keotpara Village)

Number of Participants:

- **250 participants** including students, faculty, and staff

Program Highlights:

Dr. Abhinandan Saikia, Assistant Professor, TISS Guwahati delivered a session on *Environmental Sustainability and Plastic Waste Reduction*, while Mr. Anabil Goswami (Co-Founder, Arohan Foods Pvt. Ltd.) spoke on *Sustainable Business Practices*. A live demonstration and display of eco-friendly products by **Elrhino Paper** highlighted innovative approaches to sustainability using elephant and rhino dung-based handmade paper. This was followed by an **Environmental Awareness Exhibition** curated by student members of the Environment Club. A major **Tree Plantation Drive** was conducted across Azara Campus, Careno Complex, Girls' Hostel Campus, and the adopted village of Keotpara, supported by WWF Assam & Arunachal, ARJB Farms, and Assam Climate Change Management Society. ARJB Farms contributed 45 saplings including species like Chandan, Agar, and Bokul. The event concluded with a vote of thanks acknowledging all contributors and participants. The World Environment Day Celebration was organized by the NSS Unit of Azara Campus in collaboration with the Department of Management, Environment Club, ARJB Farms, and Assam Climate Change Management Society.

Feedback / Impact on Participants:

- Instilled a strong sense of ecological responsibility and environmental awareness among students and faculty.
- Encouraged active participation through hands-on activities like plantation drives and exhibitions.
- Participants appreciated the live demonstration of eco-friendly and biodegradable products.
- Fostered community engagement through collaborative plantation initiatives in the campus and adopted village.
- Expert-led sessions deepened understanding of sustainability and responsible consumption.
- The environmental exhibition helped visualize pressing ecological concerns and possible solutions.
- Reinforced the importance of collective responsibility in protecting the planet.
- Aligned with the theme of World Environment Day and strengthened the university's commitment to environmental stewardship.