

Report on Inauguration of ‘Kanaklata Barua Amrit Vatika’

Date: 12th October, 2023

Objectives:

- To honor the legacy of Kanaklata Barua, a young freedom fighter of Assam.
- To promote environmental consciousness through plantation of indigenous saplings.
- To strengthen the spirit of *Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat* through cultural symbolism.
- To instill a sense of responsibility toward nature and sustainable living among students.

Target Audience:

- NSS Volunteers of Assam Don Bosco University
- Faculty members and administrative staff

Number of Participants:

- **75 participants**, including NSS volunteers, university faculty, and administrators

Programme Highlights:

The inauguration ceremony of ‘Kanaklata Barua Amrit Vatika’ began with a procession of NSS volunteers from Academic Block II to Poet’s Lane. The programme opened with a brief introduction by a volunteer explaining the symbolism behind the term *Amrit Vatika*, described as a serene garden of bliss and a gesture of honoring the earth and freedom fighters. The event was graced by the Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Fr. (Dr.) Jose Paley, who delivered an inspiring inaugural speech encouraging students to connect with nature. Following this, 75 saplings of native species were planted by the side of Poet’s Lane and near Block 4. The plantation was conducted in the presence of university dignitaries including Prof. Dr. Riju Sharma, Prof. Dr. Hemen Bharali, Prof. Dr. Prashanta Choudhury, Mr. Wilson Methew, Mr. Abhijit Das, and Rector Fr. Abraham Kanattu, along with NSS Programme Officers and student volunteers. The programme concluded with the completion of the plantation drive around 11:40 AM.

Feedback / Impact on Participants:

The programme fostered a deep sense of environmental responsibility and pride in cultural heritage among students. Participants expressed appreciation for the initiative, which served not only as a green intervention but also as a tribute to the spirit of selfless service and patriotism embodied by Kanaklata Barua. The act of planting and nurturing saplings encouraged teamwork, community engagement, and a stronger bond with nature.

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