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A Report on **Observance of International Day for Biological Diversity**

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The Centre for Forest-based Livelihoods and Extension, Agartala observed the ‘International Day for Biological Diversity’ to sensitize the participating individuals on “Biodiversity conservation and sustainable livelihood development”. A total of 30 participants from North Tripura district, West Tripura district and students of Tripura University participated in the programme.

Pawan K. Kaushik, Regional Director of CFLE welcomed the gathering and thanked all the dignitaries and medicinal practitioners for their presence on this occasion.

The programme was inaugurated by Sri Achintya K. Sinha, Chairman, DISA (Development Initiative for Sustainable Advancement, Agartala – A Civil Society)). He expressed his overwhelm towards the performance of the children and the enthusiasm which farmers showed towards the conservation of biodiversity particularly the medicinal plants and bamboos in various locations in Tripura. The welcome song presented by the children of **Anwasha Child Protection Centre** of Voluntary Health Association of Tripura (VHAT).

Sri Atanu Saha, DCF, CFLE and Dr. Sourabh Deb, Assistant. Prof. of Forest and Biodiversity Department, Tripura University presented their works relating to conservation of Biodiversity especially with reference to broom grass cultivation, Bamboo treatment techniques, conservation of medicinal plants and other NTFPs in other parts of north eastern region and also in Tripura.

Sri Debashish Chakraborty, retired IFS explained through his presentation on importance of forests and its conservation for the present and for our future generation. He also discussed the effects of climate change occurring in various parts our country.

Mr. Litan Bhowmik, motivational speaker had delivered talks on compassion towards other living creature, knowledge and wisdom, importance of our journey over destination. His motive was to change our way of thinking toward positive attitude i.e to take every difficulty not as problem but as a challenge and opportunity.

Sri. Nimai Porkayastha of Mars Society Welfare Society and Sri. Bikash Ch. Reang of Purba Satnala Farmer's Club, Sri. Ratneshwar Chakma and other farmers shared their success story after working in collaboration with CFLE. He also informed that the conservation activities undertaken by the farmers for preserving the medicinal plants in their Herbal Gardens is a great initiative taken by CFLE.

An exhibition stall of Herbal Plants was also arranged for general awareness during the programme.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Sri. Pawan K. Kaushik



