

Guwahati Embraces Biodiversity on International Day

Guwahati, May 22, 2023 - In celebration of the International Day for Biodiversity, the NSS Unit of the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam organized a remarkable Biodiversity Tour in collaboration with the World Wide Fund for Wildlife (WWF). A team of 10 enthusiastic students embarked on a journey to Guwahati University, led by Ms. Archita Boruah, the WWF's Assam in-charge.

The students were granted a rare opportunity to explore the diverse wildlife and ecosystems thriving in the region. The primary focus of the tour was to introduce them to the rich biodiversity found in the Brahmaputra river, particularly the indigenous fish species that call it home.

Under the guidance of knowledgeable experts, the students were introduced to the mesmerizing world beneath the river's surface. They marvelled at the incredible variety of fish species, each uniquely adapted to the river's dynamic environment. The students gained an appreciation for the delicate balance necessary to preserve the biodiversity of this vital ecosystem.

Continuing their journey, the students were enlightened about the best practices of Vermicomposting and Integrated Farming. They observed first-hand how these sustainable agricultural techniques could reduce waste, improve soil quality, and promote a harmonious coexistence between humans and nature.

To deepen their understanding of wildlife conservation efforts, the students attended a captivating lecture by a distinguished professor of Zoology from Gauhati University. The professor highlighted the university's collaboration with the WWF in various initiatives aimed at protecting and preserving the rich biodiversity of Assam. These efforts included research, community engagement, and policy advocacy.

Inspired by the lecture, the students eagerly absorbed the knowledge shared with them and expressed their determination to contribute to wildlife conservation. They were provided with an orientation on the practical steps they could take within their own campuses to make a difference.

The orientation covered a wide range of activities, including the plantation of saplings, organizing awareness drives on reducing Single Use Plastics (SUPs), setting up Bird Boxes on campus to provide safe havens for avian species, and implementing Vermicomposting practices. Armed with these ideas, the students were energized and ready to embark on their own initiatives at the National Law University and Judicial Academy.

Ms. Archita Boruah, the WWF Assam in-charge, expressed her satisfaction with the students' enthusiasm and commitment to wildlife conservation. She emphasized the importance of youth engagement in preserving biodiversity and commended the NSS Unit for their efforts in organizing such an impactful tour.

The Biodiversity Tour to Guwahati University not only broadened the students' knowledge and understanding but also instilled in them a sense of responsibility towards nature. The excursion served as a catalyst for their journey as future environmental stewards, as they pledged to implement sustainable practices and raise awareness about the need to protect biodiversity.

The NSS Unit's initiative, in collaboration with the WWF, has undoubtedly set a positive example for other educational institutions in Assam and beyond. The impact of their efforts will extend far beyond the boundaries of the university campus, spreading awareness and inspiring action in the wider community.

As Guwahati continues to celebrate the International Day for Biodiversity, let us all be reminded of the crucial role each of us plays in preserving the rich tapestry of life on our planet. It is through collective action and unwavering dedication that we can secure a sustainable future for generations to come.