

# World Environment Day celebrated at ICAR-Barapani

## ICAR Barapani 5 June 2013

ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region celebrates the World Environment Day-2013 today on June 5. The WED-2013- which was celebrated under National Initiative on Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA) at ICAR-Barapani- had theme: “Think. Eat. Save- reduces your footprint”.

### Speed Read

- The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) begun to celebrate World Environment Day since 1973.
- WED is a theme-based approach selected every year.
- WED-2013 theme is: Think, Eat & Save-Reduce your footprint.

Every year, 1.3 million tonne of food is wasted which is equivalent to the same amount of food produced in Sub-Saharan Africa ,and 1 in every 7 children in the world go to bed hungry, along with 20,000 children below 5-year age lost their lives daily because of hunger, the UN Food & Agriculture Organisation (FAO) says.

To sustain 7 billion populations, World Environment Day takes pledges to encourage individuals to reduce their footprint by avoiding wastage of food.

Following this year's theme, the students of Rolling School, Christ School and Kendriya Vidhyalaya- NEPA of Meghalaya participated today in the ‘World Environment Day 2013’ at ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam, Meghalaya.



World Environment Day-2013 (L-R) Pramod Kumar, Arunav Sen, S.V Ngachan, A.Venkatesh, Udai Saikia & Manoj kumar during WED-2013 at ICAR Complex-Barapani.

The day -long programme on WED-13 included: Extempore of speech competition for students of classes 8th and 12<sup>th</sup>, followed by a quiz competition. The students gave extempore of speeches on organic farming, global warming, cigarette smoking, alcohol consumption, poverty dowry and tobacco consumption.

In a way to show their keenness to protect the environment the local as well the surroundings, the students had taken pledges not to tolerate urination and other such practices in their surroundings.

“To raise environmental concerns form ‘local-to-global’ scale and their local solutions with the help of regional scientific organisations is need of the hour the responsible society should take up seriously.

For instance, Umiam Lake is getting polluted, and it is one of main source of water and fishery for local people residing around Barapani. Here the society including, students and NGOs and research centres can work to save the lake from pollution”, said Dr. S.V. Ngachan, Director ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam, Meghalaya.

On the occasion, A. Venkatesh- principal scientist at Agroforestry of ICAR-Barapani- welcomed the participating students and the teachers.

Arunav Sen, principal scientist at Animal Health, Udai Saikia, senior scientist at Water Management, Pramod Kumar, senior scientist at Animal Nutrition, and Manoj Kumar, scientist at soil Science were also present on the occasion.

In Extempore speech, Master Vivek Chowdhury secured the first prize (Rs. 2,000.00) of Kendriya Vidhyalaya (Umroi Cant) while Second prize was received by Ms. Sara Pradhan (Rs. 1,500.00) of K.V. NEPA, and third to Ms. Gloria Basumatary (Rs. 1,000.00) of Christ Sr. School, Umiam.

In quiz completion, first prize went to Ms. Bhavna Borah (K.V. NEPA) and second was to Ms. Apurba Boruah.

The third prize was given to Master Rahul Singh and Master Lokendra Singh Patel of (K.V. Umroi).