

## **World Environment Day celebrated at ICAR-Barapani**

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### **Protect the environment and make a difference today**

ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region celebrated the World Environment Day-2014 today along with the rest of the world to raise global awareness to take positive environmental action to protect nature and the planet. The world environment day was celebrated under National Initiative on Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA) project with a theme: “Raise the voice, not the sea level”.

The day was observed by organizing a quiz competition among the different schools in the Ri-Bhoi district. Following this year's theme, the students of Rolling School, Christ School Kendriya Vidyalaya- NEPA, Kendriya Vidyalaya- Umroi Cantt and Army Public School, Umroi Cantt. of Meghalaya participated today in the ‘World Environment Day 2014’ at ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam, Meghalaya. The day-long programme included an environment based quiz competition. In a way to show their keenness to protect the environment the local as well the surroundings, the students had taken pledges not to pollute the surroundings and keep it green.

On the occasion, Dr (s) DJ Rajkhowa, A. Venkatesh, A. Sen, SK Davas, US Saikia and Samir Das, all scientists from ICAR, Barapani, interacted with the students and their teachers. Different speakers have stressed on to raise environmental concerns from ‘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. On the occasion, he said there is a need to reaffirm the pledge to protect environment and make the planet cleaner and greener.

In quiz completion, first prize of Rs. 2000/- went to Bipllab Deb & Ish Prakash (K.V. Umroi Cantt.), second prize of Rs. 1500/- went to Mabel Aind & Kenny K. Marak (Christ School, Umiam) and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of Rs. 1000/- went to Saurabh M Kale & Anil Phiyak (Army Public School, Umroi Cantt.).

World Environment Day (WED) is the United Nations’ principal vehicle for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the environment. Over the years it has grown to be a broad, global platform for public outreach that is widely celebrated by stakeholders in over 100 countries. It also serves as the ‘people’s day’ for doing something positive for the environment, galvanizing individual actions into a collective power that generates an exponential positive impact on the planet.

In support of the UN designation of 2014 as the International Year of Small Island Developing States (SIDS), WED this year will adopt SIDS in the broader context of climate change as its theme. Our objectives are to help build momentum towards the Third International Conference on SIDS in September and encourage a greater understanding of the importance of SIDS and of the urgency to help protect the islands in the face of growing risks and vulnerabilities, particularly as a result of climate change. We believe WED will be an excellent opportunity to raise a call for solidarity with the islands.

