HIMALAYAN FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE, SHIMLA

Celebrations of International Day for Biological Diversity

22nd May 2018

For conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, United Nation's **Convention on Biological Diversity** (CBD) was negotiated on 22nd May 1992 and India is a signatory to this **CBD** since 1994. Since then, 22nd May is being celebrated as **International Day for Biological Diversity** every year. This year, **Celebrating 25 Years of Action for Biodiversity'** is the chosen theme for IBD 2018.



In the above context, Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla celebrated the **International Day for Biological Diversity** on 22nd May 2018. Thirty students from different Schools located in Shimla namely, Government Senior Secondary School for Boys, Lal-Pani; Government Senior Secondary School, Chhota Shimla; Saraswati Paradise International Public School Sanjauli,; Government Senior Secondary School for Girls, Portmore; Government Senior Secondary School, Beolia and Saraswati Vidya Mandir, Vikas Nagar participated in various programmes viz., Quiz Competition, Painting/ Drawing Competition and Slogan Writing. In addition to it the officers, scientists and other research support staff were also present.

Dr. R.K. Verma, Scientist and Programme Coordinator, HFRI formally welcomed the

students and teachers from various participating schools and also the participants from this institute. At the outset, Dr. Verma briefed the outline of the programme and thereafter explained the implicit objectives behind the celebration of the IDB, 2018.

Dr. KS Kapoor, Director-In-charge, HFRI while welcoming the participants explicitly spotlighted the



significance of the day. He elaborated that India is a mega biodiversity country having 12% of all flowering and non-flowering plant species of the recorded world flora which includes 15,000 species of flowering plants, of which 35% are endemic.



He informed that about 62% of the known amphibian species in India are endemic. He narrated that Environment, Forests, Climate Change, Wildlife and Biodiversity can contribute towards the conservation of the many endemic and threatened species and serve the cause of the biodiversity in a long way. He also established the connection between the Biodiversity and its sustainable use on various related issues quite meticulously. He highlighted the importance of the day

and told the gathering that this year theme for IBD- "Celebrating 25 years of Action Biodiversity is rightly chosen to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the convention on Biodiversity. He further added that biodiversity is very essential for the existence of the life on this earth and it is need of the hour to make all endeavors to check the loss of Biodiversity due to various factor and conserve it for forth coming generations.



Afterwards, an attractive presentation on Biodiversity was given by Dr. Vaneet



Jishtu, Scientist, HFRI, Shimla providing the broad and detailed view of the concept of the biodiversity and its various dimensions. He elucidated the role of the biodiversity in the sustenance of the life on the Mother Earth, in a terse and telling manner. He impressively dwelled upon the spectrum of the goods and services provided by the different components of the biodiversity available in the existing ecosystems and biomes of the world. By

citing many interesting and live examples from the wide and diverse elements of biodiversity present all across the state of Himachal Pradesh for instance in the World Heritage Site "Great Himalayan National Park" located in district Kullu of Himachal Pradesh. The orator meticulously sensitized the impressionable minds of the students.

After this, Quiz, Painting and Slogan Writing Competitions, on the "Environment, Forests, Climate Change, Wildlife and Biodiversity" were organized for the students of six different schools. All the students showed very keen interest in every event and participated with great zeal and enthusiasm.

In the quiz competition Ms. Angel Mehta and Antriksh from Saraswati Paradise

International Public School, Sanjauli got the first position, Mr. Mohit Sharma and Rishbh Sharma from the Govt. Senior Secondary School, Chhota Shimla were placed in the second place and Ms. Geetajanli and Ms. Aanchal from Saraswati Vidya Mandir, Vikas Nagar remained on the third positions.



Participation of Students in Quiz

In Painting / Drawing Competition Sh. Shiva Gupta from Saraswati Paradise International Public School, Sanjauli and Ms. Madhu from Govt. Senior Secondary School, Portmore, Shimla got first and second positions respectively. Mr. Puneet from Government Senior Secondary School, Lal Pani, Shimla secured the third position.



Participation in Drawing Competition

Similarly, in Slogan Writing Mr. Sahil and Arvind from Government Senior Secondary School, Chhota Shimla got first position and second positions respectively. Ms. Tabsum of Sararswati Paradise International Public School Sanjauli, Shimla secured the third prize.



Students participating in Slogan writing

During the concluding session of the programme, prizes were distributed to the winning students by Dr. KS Kapoor, Director-In-charge, Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla. He also blessed and encouraged the students by his words of wisdom and emphasized that the students have the promise and the potential as well to change course of any nation in the times to come and the teachers can pave their way in this direction effectively. He further added that students and teachers are the foremost and important group of the society, who can really sensitize the people towards conservation of biodiversity, water and other natural resources, which is also a need of the day and the main motive of organizing such types of events for the benefit of the society.



In the end, Dr. RK Verma, Programme Coordinator presented the vote of thanks to all and expressed his heartfelt thanks to the students and the teachers for ensuring their active participation in this important event. He ensured that the institute will keep on organizing such programmes / events on these lines for the overall benefit of the society at large.

PRINT MEDIA COVERAGE

अजीत समाचार _{हिमाचल} - ^{23/05/2018} अंतर्राष्ट्रीय जैव विविधता दिवस आयोजित

22 मई (अ.स.) : शिमला. हिमालयन वन अनुसंधान संस्थान शिमला ने 22 मई को अपने सभागार में अंतर्राष्ट्रीय जैव विविधाता दिवस का आयोजन किया गया। इसमें शिमला के विभिन्न विद्यालयों के लगभग 30 विद्यार्थियों ने विविध कार्यक्रमों में हिस्सा लिया। इस अवसर पर विद्यार्थियों के लिए पर्यावरण, वानिकी, जलवाय, परिवर्तन, वन्य जीव एवं जैव विविधता विषयों पर आधारित विभिन्न प्रतियोगिताओं जैसे प्रश्न-मंच, पोस्टर, चित्रकारी एवं प्रचार वाक्य लेखन इत्यादि प्रतियोगिताओं का आयोजन किया गया, जिसमें शिक्षार्थियों ने बडे उत्साह तथा जोश के साथ भाग लिया। कार्यक्रम में छ: विभिन्न विद्यालयों से आए छात्रों के लिए विविध प्रतिस्पर्धाओं जैसे प्रश्न मंच प्रतियोगिता, चित्रकारी प्रतियोगिता एवं प्रचार वाक्य लेखन का आयोजन किया गया. जिसमें कि राजकीय वरिष्ठ माध्यमिक विद्यालय छोटा शिमला, पोर्टमोर, ब्योलिया, सरस्वती पैराडाईज इंटरनेशनल पब्लिक

संजौली. राजकीय स्कुल, वरिष्ठ माध्यमिक पाठशाला लाल पानी एवं सरस्वती विद्या मंदिर. विकासनगर ने भाग लिया। प्रश्न मंच प्रतियोगिता में कुमारी एंजेल मेहता एवं अंतरीक्ष, सरस्वती पेराडाईज इंटरनेशनल पब्लिक स्कुल संजौली की जोडी ने प्रथम स्थान. राजकीय वरिष्ठ माध्यमिक पाठशाला छोटा शिमला से मोहित शर्मा व रीशभ शर्मा की जोडी ने द्वितीय तथा कुमारी गीतांजलि व कुमारी आंचल सरस्वती विद्या मंदिर, विकासनगर ने तृतीय स्थान प्राप्त किया। चित्रकारी प्रतियोगिता में गुप्ता, सरस्वती पेराडाईज शिवा इंटरनेशनल पब्लिक स्कुल संजौली ने प्रथम, कुमारी मध्रु पोर्टमोर शिमला ने द्वितीय तथा लालपानी शिमला के पुनीत ने तुतीय स्थान प्राप्त किया। नारा लेखन प्रतियोगिता में छोटा शिमला के विद्यार्थियों साहिल व अरविंद ने प्रथम व द्वितीय स्थान तथा सरस्वती पैराडाईज पब्लिक स्कूल संजौली के छात्र तब्बसुम ने तुतीय स्थान प्राप्त किया।



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जैव विविधता पर आयोजित प्रश्नोत्तरी प्रतियोगिता में एंजल मेहता अव्वल

हिमायन वन अनुसंधान संस्थान (एच.एफ.आर.आई.) द्वारा अंतर्राष्ट्रीय जैव विविधता दिवस पर 6 पाठशालाओं के छात्रों में विभिन्न प्रतियोगिताओं का आयोजन किया गया। प्रश्नोत्तरी प्रतियोगिता में सरस्वती पैराडाइज इंटरनैशनल पब्लिक स्कूल संजौली की कुमारी एंजल मेहता व अंतरिक्ष ने पहला स्थान, रा.व.मा. पठशाला छोटा शिमला के मोहित शर्मा व रिषभ शर्मा ने दूसरा स्थान तथा सरस्वती विद्या मंदिर विकास की कुमारी गीतांजलि व आंचल ने तीसरा स्थान हासिल किया। चित्रकला प्रतियोगिता में सरस्वती पैराडाइज इंटरनैशनल पब्लिक स्कूल संजौली के शिव गुप्ता ने पहला, रा.व.मा. पाठशाला पोर्टमोर की कुमारी मधु ने दूसरा और रा.व.मा. पाठशाला लालपानी के पुनीत ने तीसरा स्थान हासिल किया। नारा लेखन प्रतियोगिता में रा.व.मा. पठशाला छोटा शिमला के साहिल व अरविंद ने पहला व दूसरा स्थान तथा सरस्वती पैराडाइज इंटरनैशनल पब्लिक स्कूल संजौली की छात्रा तब्बसुम ने तीसरा स्थान झटका। एच.एफ.आर.आई. के निदेशक डा. के.एस. कपूर ने विजेता छात्रों को पुरस्कृत किया। उन्होंने कहा कि विद्यार्थी तथा अध्यापक समाज का ऐसा तपका है जो जैव विविधता विषयों को प्रचारित एवं प्रसारित कर सकता है। इस मौके पर कार्यक्रम समन्वयक डा.आर.के. वर्मा व संस्थान के वैज्ञानिक डा. वनीत जिष्टू इत्यादि ने जैव विविधता तथा इसके अलग–अलग घटकों, जैव विविधत्ता द्वारा प्रदत्त सेवाओं के बारे में जानकारी प्रदान की।



शिमला के पंथाघाटी में अंतर्राष्ट्रीय जैव विक्यिता दिवस के अवसर पर आयोजित प्रतियोगिता के विजेताओं को पुरस्कृत करते अधिकारी। (दाएं) मुख्यतिथि
