



**Criterion-7: Institutional Values and Best Practices**

***INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS***

July 2023-June 2024

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Jogananda Deva Satradhikar Gowsami (JDSG) College, is situated in a beautiful natural ambience by the side of N.H. 37, in the close vicinity of the Kaziranga National Park-the world heritage site. Thus, keeping in view, the proximity to the Kaziranga National Park, the College has a study centre named Kaziranga Study Centre which provides resources and localized patronage for researchers, explorers, environmental activists and independent film makers, bird explorers etc. The student members of the study centre participate in various environment, nature and biodiversity related programmes like bird watching, nature walks, workshops, census like water bird, rhino, elephant, swamp deer, seminars, training on camera trapping, view finder, etc. They volunteer to help the authorities of the national park in animal rescue operations and dissemination of relief materials during calamities and extreme situations concomitant with natural disasters.

The Kaziranga Study Centre was created in the year 2017, and was inaugurated by the Forest Man of India Padma Shri Jadav Payeng on 17th February 2017. The primary objective of the Centre is creating awareness among people in general and students in particular, about the rich biodiversity of the greater Kaziranga area. As the scope of global climate change, human-caused habitat alterations, and associated extinction rates rise, the need to understand and conserve biodiversity and the ecosystem functions that it sustains has never been more pressing. Therefore, the Kaziranga Study Centre aims to coordinate efforts by the faculty and students of J.D.S.G. College, Bokakhat, and our professional affiliates at governmental agencies and non-governmental groups, to research, manage and conserve biodiversity. Some of the notable collaborations are with the Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve, The Corbett Foundation, Aaranyak, Wildlife Trust of India, and World Wildlife Fund.



### Kaziranga Study Centre, J.D.S.G. College, Bokakhat >

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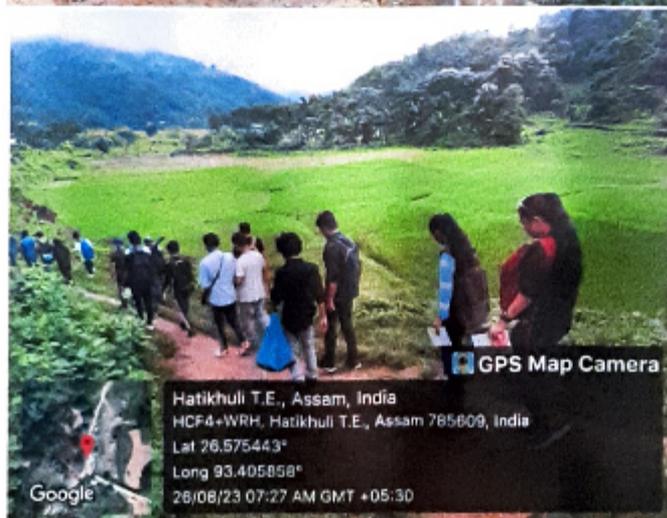
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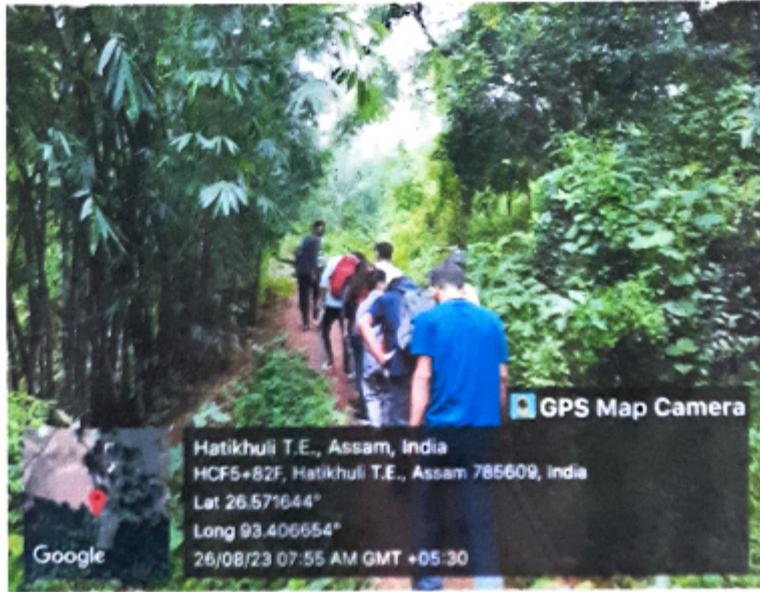
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# The various activities of Kaziranga Study Centre during the period from July 2023 to June 2024:

## 1. Nature Trail and Bird Watching

Nature Trail and Bird Watching today at Kohora, organised by Aaranyak and Kaziranga Study Centre, J.D.S.G. College, Bokakhat on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 at Kohora. Students were trained in basic preliminary skills of bird watching and also on some of important medicinal and common plants. Besides, a brief trekking was also done. All the arrangements like conveyance for students, a healthy breakfast, guidance, etc. were made by Arif and Aaranyak. The Centre offered sincere thanks to renown birder, nature enthusiast and resource person Abidur Rahman, another birder Jadumoni Goswami, birder Bhaskar Barukial, researcher Saurav for their support. As many as 20 students participated in the programme and they identified more than 30 bird species like Chestnut tailed starling, Weaver Birds, Barn Swallow to name a few. The group of students was accompanied by Sasanka Dhaval Saikia, Coordinator, Kaziranga Study Centre.

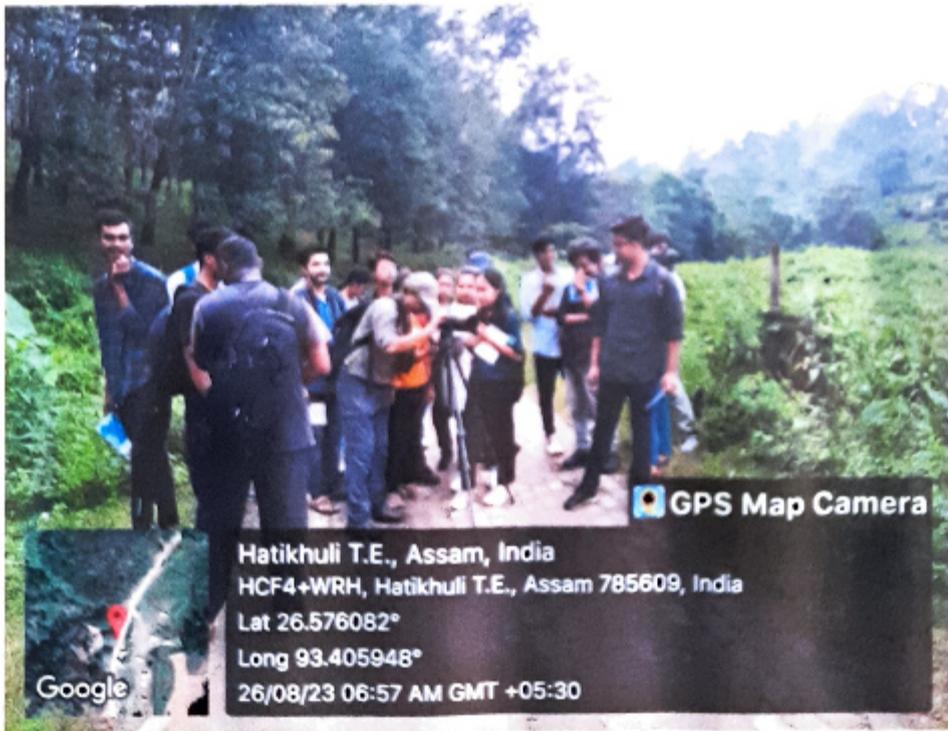




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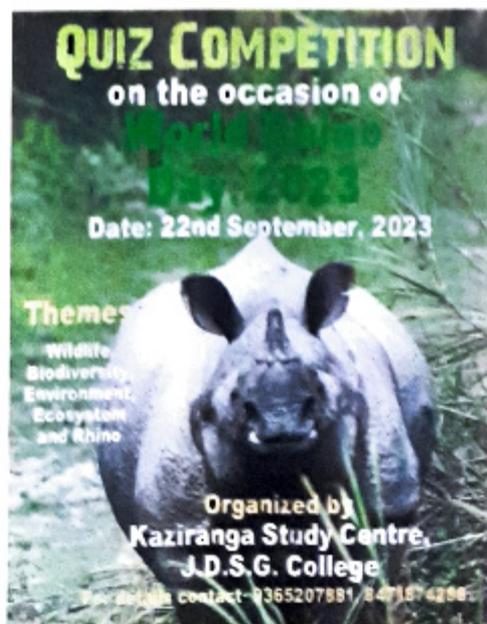
## **2. Quiz Competition on World Rhino Day, 2023**

A Quiz Competition on World Rhino Day was organized by Kaziranga Study Centre, J.D.S.G. College, Bokakhat on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2023 in the college premises. A total of six teams each comprised of two members participated in the Quiz Competition out of which five teams from J.D.S.G. College and one team from Kamargaon College. Sri Prasanta Saikia, Associate Professor and Head, Dept. of Political Science welcomed all the participants. The quiz was conducted by two quiz masters namely Sasanka Dhaval Saikia, Assistant Professor in Political Science and Angarag Shandilya, Assistant Professor in Political Science and score was maintained by Sri Amar Morang, Guest Faculty, dept. of Political Science. After five rounds, two teams grabbed the first and second position, but another round of questions were asked to decide the third position. The winners are as follows-

First position- Rong Rup Gogoi, Degree 1<sup>st</sup> Semester, J.D.S.G. College  
Disha Medok, H.S. 2<sup>nd</sup> year, J.D.S.G. College

Second Position- Shobha Rai, B. Com 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester, J.D.S.G. College  
Runu Kurmi, B. Com 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester, J.D.S.G. College

Third Position- Aditya Das, B. A 1<sup>st</sup> Semester, J.D.S.G. College  
Chinmoy Malakar, B. A. 5<sup>th</sup> Semester, J.D.S.G. College





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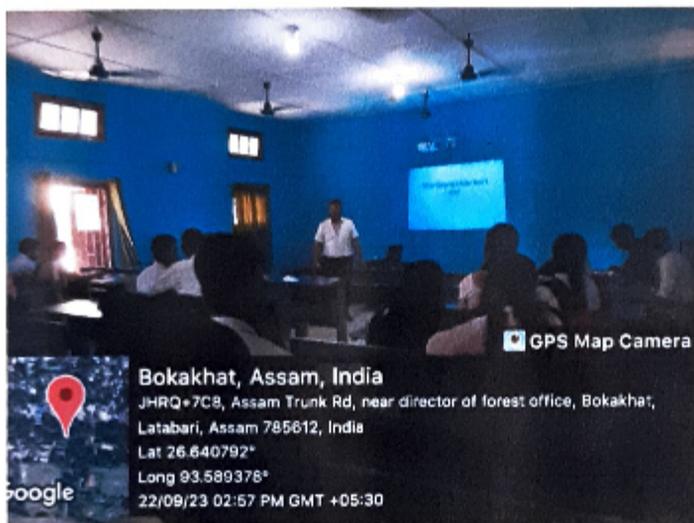
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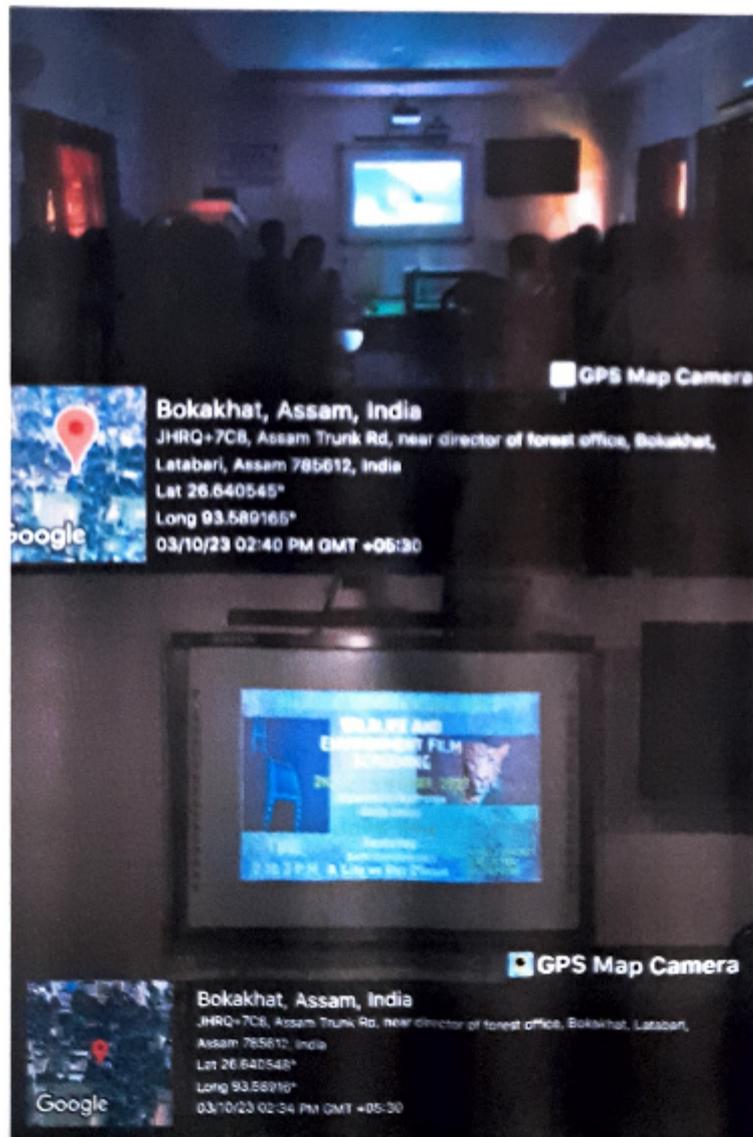
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### 3. Film Screening on Wildlife Week, 2023

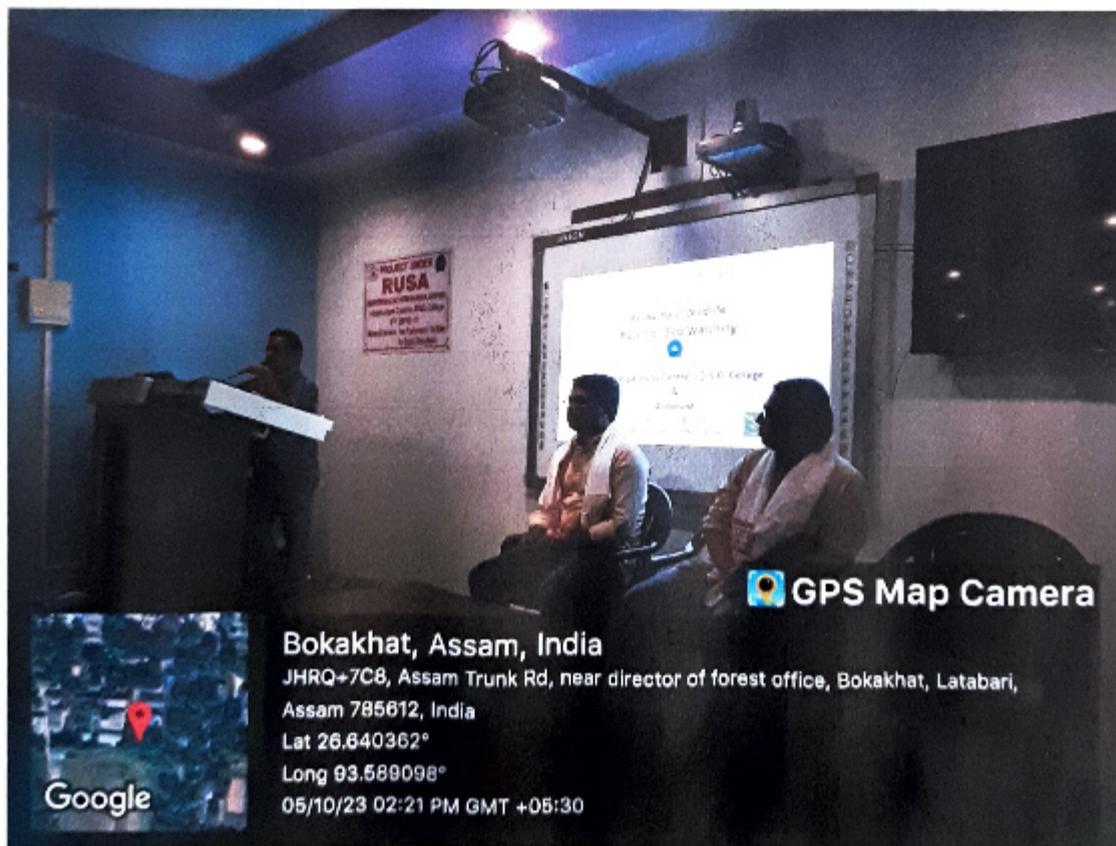
On the occasion of National Wildlife Week from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2023, the Kaziranga Study Centre, J.D.S.G. College organized Wildlife and Environment Film Screening for students on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2023. As many as 30 students attended the programme where David Attenborough's famous "A Life On Our Planet" was screened. After the screening, an interaction session was also organized to discuss issues related to the environment and wildlife. Along with the students, Sri Sasanka Dhaval Saikia, Coordinator of Kaziranga Study Centre, Santi Saha Boruah, Associate Professor in Political Science and Sri Amar Morang were also present.

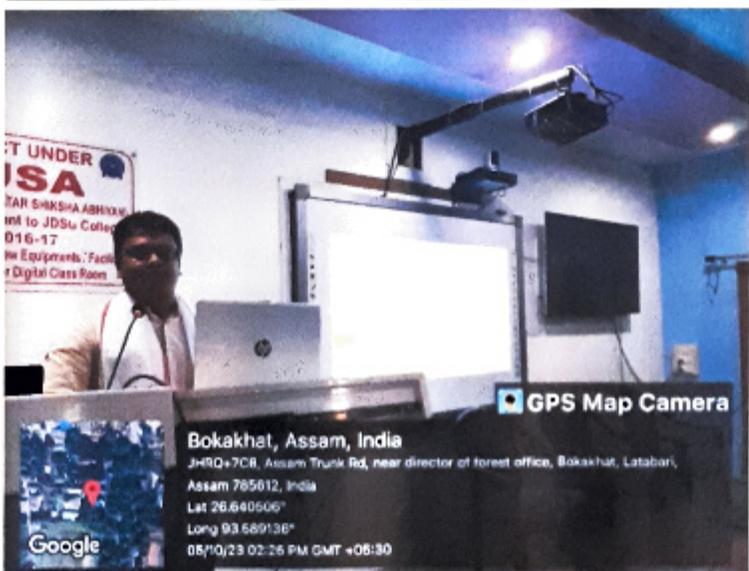
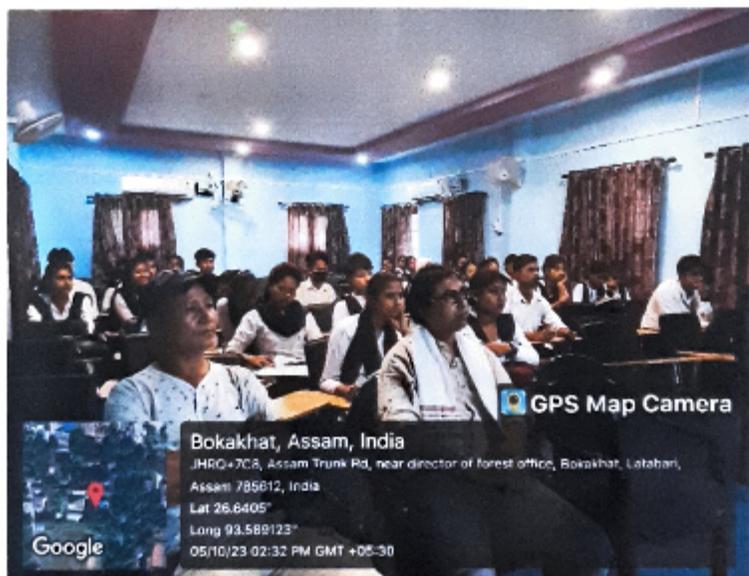


#### 4. A workshop on 'Basics of Bird Watching' held at JDSG College, Bokakhat, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023

##### Students' participants: 40

To mark the celebration of 69<sup>th</sup> Wildlife Week from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2023, a special programme on 'Know Your Wildlife: Basics of Bird Watching' was held on 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2023, at JDSG College students, Bokakhat. The workshop was organised by Kaziranga Study Centre of the college in collaboration with *Aaranyak*. Mr. Arif Hussain, Manager, Rhino Research and Conservation at Aaranyak and a popular wildlife photographer & Mr Abidur Rahman, famous birder and a nature enthusiast, were invited as the resource persons. Dr. Jayanta Das, Coordinator, IQAC, J.D.S.G. College gave the welcome address. During the session, Mr. Abidur Hussain, shared the information regarding the plants which attracts birds and also the features which are to be identified while identifying a domestic/native or migratory bird in and around the greater Kaziranga Area. In his lecture, Mr. Arif Hussain, discussed about the climatic conditions which are suitable for bird watching and photography. He also demonstrated different techniques of photography. The session was concluded with vote of thanks offered by Mr. Sasanka Dhaval Saikia, the Co-ordinator of the Kaziranga Study Centre.





5. Students representing kaziranga Study Centre, J.D.S.G. College participated in "Green Village" initiative of The Corbett Foundation (TCF), The Kaziranga National Park Authority and Kaziranga Study Centre on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at Japoripathar village, near Kaziranga National Park. The volunteers planted trees across the village and made tree guards of their own for protection of the newly planted tree saplings.



## 6. Workshop on Photography and Videography held at JDSG College, Bokakhat

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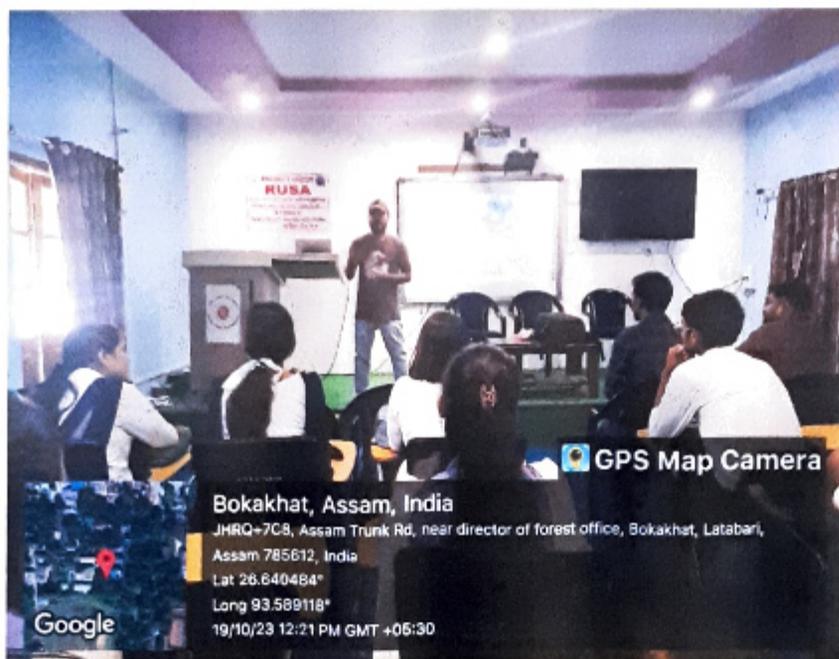
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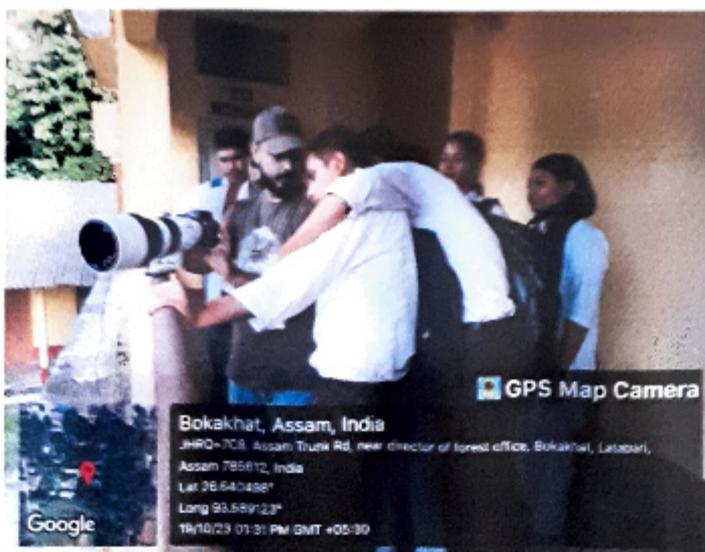
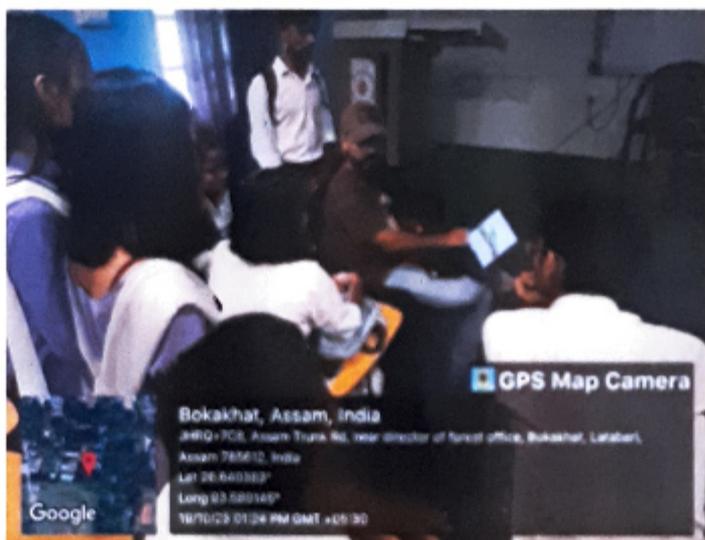
### Facilitators/Trainers:

Resource Person: Jodumoni Goswami

### Number of Participants: 40

A one day workshop on Photography and Videography was held for the students of JDSG College, Bokakaht, on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The workshop was jointly organised by the Kaziranga Study Centre, Students' Support Cell, and IQAC of the College. The primary objective of the workshop was to provide the interested students the necessary skills and insights to enhance their visual craft. In the workshop, the participants were taught the fundamentals of composition, lighting, camera settings, and the technical aspects of both photography and videography. Additionally, the workshop aimed to introduce participants to advanced techniques for storytelling through visuals.





7. Students from Kaziranga Study Centre participated in a programme titled "Nature's Chorus Heritage Narratives from Kaziranga and Beyond" organized by Wildlife Institute of India- Category 2 Centre, Dehradun on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at Kaziranga National Park. Students got the opportunity to interact with famous American author Stephen Alter, author and journalist Arup Kumar Dutta, Shiela Bora from INTACH Assam, Conservation Filmmaker Vandana Menon, Conservation Historian Raza Kazmi. As many as 13 selected students participated in the event.





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From : DR. JAYANTA GOGOI, M.Com, LL.B, Ph.D.  
Principal, J.D.S.G. College, Bokakhat

To :  
Dr. R. Suresh Kumar  
Scientist - I & Nodal Officer, WIIA-20

Subject: List of nominated students

Sir,  
With reference to your mail I have forwarded the list of nominated students from our college to participate in "Nature's Chorus: Heritage Narratives from Kaziranga and Beyond" to be held on 12th February at Kaziranga National Park. This is for favour of your kind information and necessary action.  
With regards.

- List of Student:**
1. Chiranjy Malakar, BA 6th Semester
  2. Ranjit Kalita, BA 6th Semester
  3. Nazim Ahmed Hazarika, BA 6th Semester
  4. Angira Hazarika, BA 6th Semester
  5. Bibul Barman, BA 4th Semester
  6. Ansh Kumar Saha, BA 4th Semester
  7. Ritesh Ram, BA 4th Semester
  8. Priyanka Das, BA 2nd Semester
  9. Snehas Begam, BA 2nd Semester
  10. Priya Mandal, BA 2nd Semester
  11. Diya Ghosh, BA 2nd Semester
  12. Aditya Das, BA 2nd Semester
  13. Arindom Bera, BA 6th Semester

Yours faithfully,

  
Dr. J. Gogoi  
Principal  
J.D.S.G. College,

Principal & Secretary  
J. D. S. G. College  
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8. Students from Kaziranga Study Centre participated as volunteers in Water Bird Census from 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 organized by Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve Management Authority. As many as 20 student volunteers participated in the event.



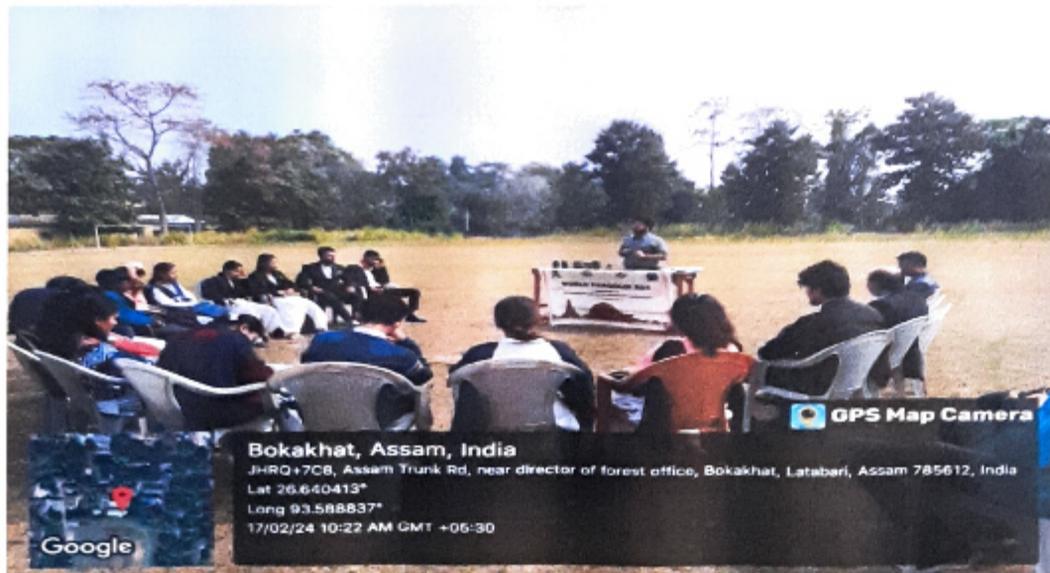
Students Ranjit Kalita and Rekhamoni Borah with the Enumerator



A volunteer with the Director of KNP  
Dr. Sonali Ghosh

Another student volunteer Tilak Kalita

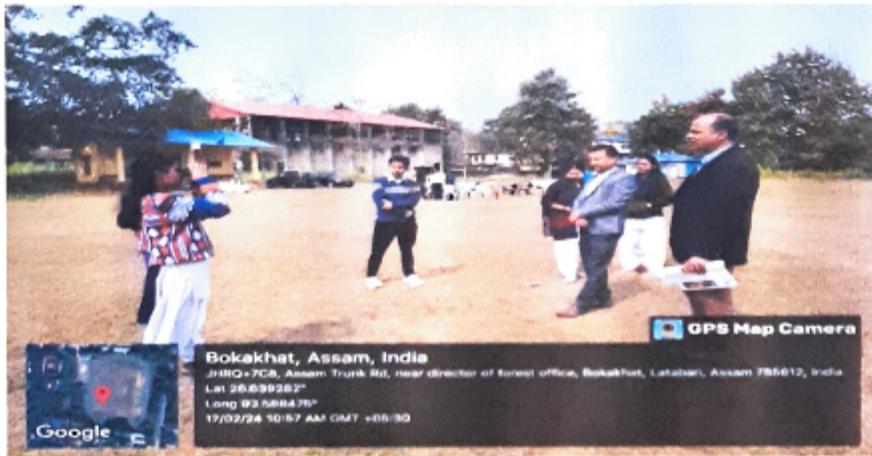
### 9. Celebration of World Pangolin Day, 2024



The World Pangolin Day was celebrated by The Corbett Foundation (TCF) in association with Kaziranga Study Centre, J.D.S.G. College and Kaziranga National Park on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at J.D.S.G. College. Mr. Ashish Thoke, Programme Officer Wildlife, The Corbett Foundation organized and anchored the entire event. Dr. Naveen Pandey, the then Deputy Director of TCF spoke on the occasion highlighting the significance of the Pangolin to nature and the impact of smuggling of pangolin around the globe. The students also interacted with Mr. Thoke and Dr. Pandey. Apart from

them, Mr. Dibyajyoti Saikia, Project Officer, TCF, Mr. Sasanka Dhaval Saikia, Coordinator of Kaziranga Study Centre, Mr. Angarag Sandilya, Assistant Professor in Political Science were present along with 17 nature enthusiast students of the college.

Along with awareness regarding pangolin conservation, the participating students were also imparted basic training on Camera Trapping and equipment like Range Finder. Based on their performance in the training, prizes were also distributed among the successful students. At the end Sasanka Dhaval Saikia offered a vote of thanks to all dignitaries and participants present on the occasion.



Training on Range Finder equipment



Training on Camera Trapping



Prize distribution



## 10. World Environment Day celebration

World Environment Day is celebrated by J.D.S.G. College on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 under the aegis of NSS, Kaziranga Study Centre, and Eco Club of the college. The programme started with plantation of tree saplings in the college campus with students. A lecture programme on the theme of World Environment Day titled 'Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience' was also organized for the students. Sri Sasanka Dhaval Saikia, Assistant Professor in Political Science delivered lecture as a resource person. The programme was attended by as many as 80 students along with a number of faculty members including Mrs. Dipali Rajkumari, Vice Principal, Dr. Jayanta Das, Coordinator IQAC, Sri Prasanta Saikia and Sri Motiram Das Programme Officer NSS, etc.



