

Report on Exposure Visit of Students to The Corbett Foundation's Human Elephant Conflict Mitigation Project Site

An exposure visit of students to The Corbett Foundation's Human Elephant Conflict Mitigation Project site was organized by The Corbett Foundation (TCF) in association with Kaziranga Study Centre, J.D.S.G. College and C.N.B. College on 15th December, 2022 at Lukhura Khonia, adjacent area to Kaziranga National Park. The objective of the visit was to acquaint students with the human wildlife conflict mitigation initiatives undertaken by TCF and International Elephant Foundation in the fringe areas of KNP. Mr. Sumanta Kundu, Senior Programme Officer, TCF and Mr. Dibyajyoti Saikia, Senior Programme Officer, TCF briefed the students about the visit. During the event, the students interacted with people from the local area, particularly farmers about the various challenges they face from wild animals and how several measures particularly *Tongi* undertaken by the TCF have immensely helped them to mitigate the conflict. Students also interacted with the staff of TCF about their initiative. As many as 10 students from each college participated in the exposure visit. The team from C.N.B. College was led by Mr. Sonjib Borah, Head, Dept. of Zoology and the team from J.D.S.G. College was led by Mr. Sasanka Dhaval Saikia, Assistant Professor and Coordinator, Kaziranga Study Centre. An interactive session with Dr. Naveen Pandey, Deputy Director, TCF towards the end of the programme was also organized.





Introduction and instructions for the interactive session





Interaction with farmers and staff of TCF



