

International Museum Day Celebration at Archaeological Museum Sri Surya pahar, Goalpara

Archaeological Survey of India, Guwahati Circle.

International Museum Day is celebrated across the country every year since 1977 when ICOM came up by inception of the Museum day on 18th May with different new theme every year. Theme for the year 18th May 2016 was 'Museums and Cultural Landscapes'. Commemorating this day to raise the awareness of importance of conserving and preserving ones Culture and Heritage and role of Museum in society, Archaeological Survey of India, Guwahati Circle celebrated this day promptly in the premise of Archaeological Site Museum Sri Suryapahar, Goalpara which is established in the lap of the Sri Suryapahar Site. Which on its part is spread in the background of the picturesque hill slope. Denizens of the Suryapahar area filled the pandal hall to enjoy the program of Museum Day. Students from 10 schools from the Suryapahar locality participated on the occasion and in various activities that was taken up by the circle inspite of the rain. As a part of the function Photo exhibition was also put up with the title 'Sivsagar-Past and Present'. The public enjoyed the photo exhibition enthusiastically which was very informative for them as the photos imprinted on them about the Archaeological works going on in the Monuments at Sivsagar in particular and other monuments of North-East in general. It was helpful to make them aware of the further feelings of duty to save and preserve their Culture and Heritage sites and monument.



Museum Complex and Photo Exhibition

The host of the program Shri Nayan Das started the program and the first half of the function started with Drawing competition which was divided into two categories. First category was from class I to class V which was kept open for them to draw anything. Second category was from Class VI to class X where they were given the theme to draw on any Heritage Monument. This was followed by the musical chair competition for girls and three students from different school were selected as the winner after the game. For boys cock fight competition was kept, where three boys were adjudged as winner after the game. Program continued with Traditional Group Dance from Rabha Group, Banai Group and Hajong Group in their traditional attire which added colour to the day. Traditional folk song was sung by two girls from different school who were felicitated by Gamucha. Lunch packet was distributed to all the students and also to the other visitors who came to witness the Museum day program.



Drawing Competition



Game (Musical Chair round and Cock Fight).



Traditional Folk Dance from Rabha Group, Banai Group and Hajong Group.



Traditional song by Students

Second half of the program was graced by Dr.Kasim Ali Ahmed, Principal of Goalpara College, Goalpara as Chief Guest of the Function and Shri Kamal Goswami, Principal of SBP Memorial Higher Secondary School, Mornoi as Guest of Honour and Shri S.K Dutta, Assistant Superintending Archaeological Engineer was welcomed and presided over the function in the absence of Superintendent Archaeologist*. They were felicitated by Gamucha and Souvenir (ASI Magazine and Brochures).

*As the S.A is not taking any tour for the last 3 months due to a pending administrative decision taken by the Headquarter.



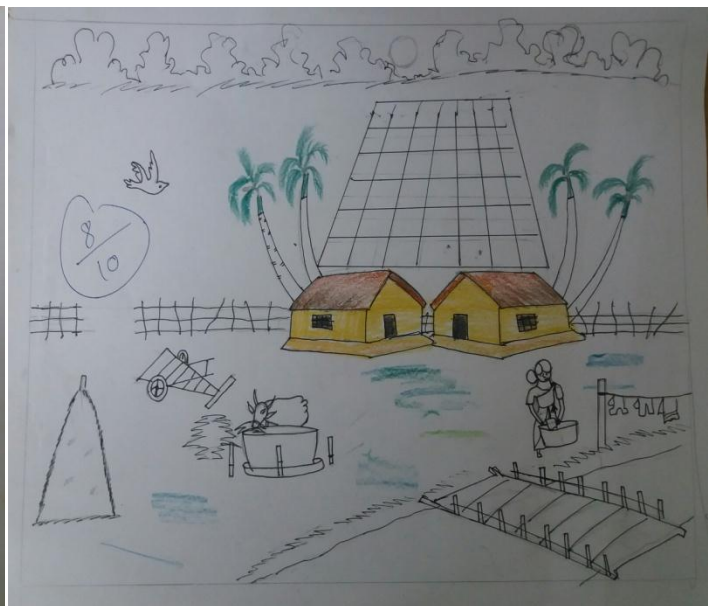
Speech by ASAE Shri S.K Dutta, Chief Guest Dr. Kasim Ali Ahmed and Guest of Honour Shri Kamal Goswami.

The welcome speech was delivered by Shri S.K Dutta, ASAE where he welcomed the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour and also to all the students and public. The Chief Guest Dr.Kasim Ali Ahmed, Principal of Goalpara College spoke on the occasion about the importance of the Archaeological Remains of Sri Suryapahar by connecting it with the monuments of other parts of India as beside Brahmanism and Buddhism, remains of Jainism are also exist at Sri Suryapahar which is unique for Assam and other states of North-East. He also delivered a short lecture on the Ancient History of Assam and how much it is important to preserve our Cultural Heritage as it makes our identity. Guest of Honour Shri Kamal Goswami, Principal of SBP Memorial Secondary School, Mornai also spoke on the occasion about the celebration of Museum day which plays very important role in society for saving and preserving the Cultural Heritage of mankind. This was followed by prize distribution to the winners who took part in various activity. Certificate and Award was given to all the students who were placed 1st ,2nd ,3rd in Drawing competition, Musical chair round and Cock fight compititon.





Award and Certificate Felicitation to the winners.





Drawing of the winners



Vote of Thanks and photo exhibition show by C.A Shri D.K Majumdar.

Vote of thanks was given on behalf of Archaeological Survey of India, Guwahati Circle to all present there by Conservation Assistant Shri D.K Majumdar. He thanked the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour who took out time from their busy schedule and made it to the function. He also thanked to the local peoples and students without whom the program would not have been a success and also to the ASI, Guwahati Circle team who painstakingly came all the way from Guwahati to Goalpara for making the programme successful. After that the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour were lead to Photo exhibition. The Archaeological works carried out by ASI, Guwahati Circle was showed to them by photos which was displayed there on the theme Sivsagar-Past and Present. Function ended with more cultural program from the students who showed their talent of singing on stage. The exhibition will remain open for the public for the next 3 days as the Museum is closed for the renovation works.
