

## INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015



Guwahati Circle of Archaeological Survey of India celebrated International Museum Day on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 at the premises of Archaeological Museum, Sri Suryapahar, District Goalpara. The inaugural day was celebrated to raise the public awareness about the diversity of cultural heritage and the efforts are required to protect and preserve it. The inaugural function was started with a Drawing competition with the students of different schools located around the Sri Suryapahar. Two groups have been divided for the competition- first group (A) from class I to V and second group (B) from VI to X. After this the Extempore of Speech competition among the students was held. Some of the students showed their skill in oratory and their presence of mind in this competition.





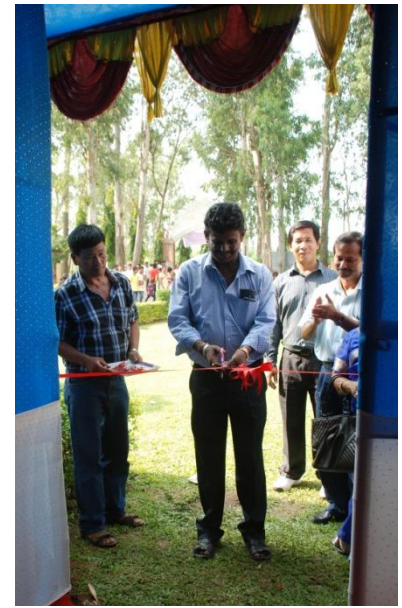
As part of this Museum day celebration cultural programmes were also held. In this programme a cultural group namely; Sankar Madhav Silpi Gosthi Mornoi performed folk dance and songs. Besides this student groups also performed solo and group dances. This programme was an attraction part of the celebration.



The International Museum Day celebration was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Shri Gangeswar Kalita, Principal, Dolgoma College by lighting the lamp. Smt. P.M. Das S.A (Exploration) was also on the dais as Guest of Honor and Sri Bimal Sinha, Asstt. Superintending Archaeologist, in-charge of the site museum was on the dais. At the opening of the celebration students from the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya, Matia presented Saraswati Vandana. Those dignitaries on the dais were felicitated with Gamosa and Xarai.



As a part this celebration a photo exhibition was also organized. The honorable chief guest opened the photo exhibition to the public. In this photo exhibition photographs of the monuments and sites of ASI, Guwahati circle were displayed. A separate row of photographs of monument, sculptures and antiquities found from Sri Suryapahar was exhibited. Students and others who took part in the celebration saw the photos at the exhibition with enthusiasm.



Sri Bimal Sinha, ASAM, delivered his welcome address. In his speech he welcomed teachers, students, the ladies and Gentlemen who gathered for the function and cited the theme of the International Museum Day, 2015, its theme and about the collections in the Archaeological Museum, Sri Suryapahar. After this Smt. P.M Das, S.A (Exploration) delivered her speech. In her speech she explained how the Archaeological Museum, Sri Suryapahar was established through the antiquities collected from the excavations conducted at Sri Suryapahar and also mentioned the very necessity of creating awareness among the new generation to save the antiquities and monuments. After her speech prizes to the winners of the drawing and extempore speech competitions were distributed. Shri Gangeswar Kalita as the Chief Guest of the function delivered his speech. During his speech he mentioned the importance of Sri Suryapahar and its history in detail. He also explained the necessity of the participation of students and other social groups in the awareness of Museum and mentioned that Museum plays a very dominant role for a sustainable society. Thus he concluded his speech.







Vote of thanks was delivered by Shri Salam Singh, Assistant Archaeologist in which he thanks on behalf of the Archaeological Survey of India, Guwahati Circle to Shri Gangeswar Kalita, Chief Guest, Principal, Dolgoma College for taking out his valuable time in spite of his busy scheduled to be present in the function and delivered an informative speech to the students and the local people. Shri Salam Singh also thanked Smt. P.M Das S.A (Exploration), ASI, Guwahati Circle for her informative speech about the International Museum Day. Sri Bimal Sinha is also thanked for consultation of making the programme for the Museum Day celebration. Shri Salam Singh, on the behalf of the ASI, Guwahati circle thanked the teachers and students from the various schools and others who helped the programme successful and also thank all the staffs of ASI for the help and co-operation for making the programme successful.

Thus ended the International Museum Day, 2015.

