**Celebration of World Water Day – 2017**

World Water Day highlights a specific aspect of freshwater. Under the theme ‘Water and Wastewater’, the year 2017 provides an important opportunity to consolidate and build upon the previous World Water Days to highlight the symbiosis between water and wastewater in the quest for sustainable development.

UN-Water coordinates the World Water Day campaign and proposes a theme for each year. The World Water Day-2017 campaign is coordinated by UNEP, UN-Habitat, WHO and UNU, with the support of other UN-Water Members and Partners.

A daylong celebration of World Water Day-2017 is organized to disseminate the importance and sustainability of this year's Theme as- "Reduce and Reuse Wastewater". The event is organized at Nagaon, Assam, India, under Green Police Initiatives, for focusing on WWD-2017 thematic awareness among the school and college students as well as the community. Prior to this celebration, few preliminary activities are also taken up by the Green Police and efforts are being made for different community based applications to initiate practice on reducing and reusing wastewater.

The event organized at Nagaon Bengali Girls’ High School started with singing of National Anthem followed by Assam Sangeet (also known as Jatiya Sangeet) to set the motion of the celebration, Firstly, Er Nripendra Kumar Sarma presented a brief outline of World Water Day, to highlight it’s importance and the reference to the initiatives of Green Police. After that a “Green Quiz” is conducted as an Open Quiz Competition on WWD-2017 Thematic Issues, The Green Quiz was conducted by Mr Chandrajit Das, Nagaon Quiz Forum to highlight different WWD thematic issues and other important relevant topics on environment. The Quiz was conducted in such a manner to disseminate the relevant information to the students and every correct answers attracted prizes also. A thematic Art Competition has also been organised, which was open for students for preparation of suitable presentation on home front. The idea was as such that Students would prepare an art form to focus any Thematic Issue of WWD-2017 and for this purpose they are encouraged to discuss with their family members, friends, Teachers and other Sector Expert, so that such discussion eventually facilitates wide circulation of the issues and practices. A panel of three Members constituted from the respected Sector Experts reviewed all such presentation to select three best presentations, to be awarded in the later part of the function.

The Quiz is followed by a Thematic Seminar to deal with the present situations, thereby to evolve suitable recommendations for practice among the community. Participants are provided an opportunity to learn more from the key note address by Er. Pratap Sabhapandit, an expert Public Health Engineer about the theme of World Water Day and how wastewater is perceived as a valuable resource in our society and its safe management as an efficient investment in the health of our ecosystems. Participants got the chance to listen to ideas for the community engagement campaign and provide feedback. Other Guests like Mr. Lachit Das, ADC, Nagaon District, Mr. Dipak Das, Vice President, School Management Committee, Mr. Saugot Choudhury, Coordinator, National Water Mission etc, also discussed several thematic issues to enlighten the WWD-2017 Theme. An Oath was also administered by the Green Police to all present in the Seminar, which was based WWD-2017 Theme to reduce and reuse of wastewater. Furthermore, the Green Police made a presentation about their efforts on the preliminary activities taken up by the Green Police for different community based applications to initiate practice on reducing and reusing wastewater. The impacts of such preliminary activities were also discussed at length, which clearly depicts the meaningful efforts inconnection WWD-2017.

It is expected that the young Brigade of Green Police is quite successful to generate meaningful awareness about WWD-2017 Theme, for eventual practice in the Community.

Finally, there was singing of National Anthem followed by Assam Sangeet (also known as Jatiya Sangeet), to formally declare about the closure of the function. After the celebration function is over, the Green Police guided the Keynote Speaker and other Guests to sprinkle water by dripping system into the tress inside the school campus.

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