

World Environment Day 2012 – Kalpana Deka Kalita, *Department of Applied Geology, Dibrugarh University, Assam - 786 004 (Email: Kalpana_d_kalita1@rediffmail.com)*

Society of Petroleum Geophysicists, Dibrugarh University Chapter of Department of Applied Geology organized Dibrugarh District Inter School Elocution Competition on 5th June on the occasion of World Environment Day 2012 at Ranghar, the Dibrugarh University auditorium. The subject chosen was “Dams and Environment: Pros and Cons”. Dr. Kalpana Deka Kalita, organizing secretary welcomed the participants, students, Teacher in charge from various schools of Dibrugarh district, parents, faculties from different departments and centers of Dibrugarh University and guests. In her speech she said the United Nations General Assembly designated June 5 as Environment Day to create public awareness to preserve environment. The date 5th June was chosen because it was the opening day of the United Nations Stockholm Conference on human environment from 5-16 June 1972. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) was also established. It is headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya. World Environment Day is hosted every year by a different city with a different theme. Since 1987 a host city marks the start of the day. The theme of this year's World Environment Day is "Green Economy: Does it include you?" It invites everyone to both assess where the Green Economy fits in their daily lives and evaluate whether development through these pathways towards a Green Economy can deliver the kind of social, economic and environmental outcomes needed in a world of seven billion people. The UNEP has defined the Green Economy as one that results in improved human well-being and social equity, while significantly reducing environmental risks and ecological scarcities. She also informed the participants that United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) had announced Brazil as global host of World Environment Day 2012. Lastly she appealed the student community to work towards conservation of our mother earth for future generation and to make everyday a World Environment Day. Prof. Kandarpa Kumar Deka, Honourable Vice Chancellor, Dibrugarh

University inaugurated the elocution competition at 9.40 am. Prof. Deka in his inaugural speech explained about the green and pollution free environment and criticised the human activities towards destruction of our environment. Chief Guest Dr. G.K. Ghosh from Oil India Limited, Duliajan appealed to the audience to work to save the planet. Guest of Honour Mr. B.K. Das also addressed the students and conveyed a message to conserve the earth. Dr. P. Bhattacharyya, HOD Applied Geology Department explained the usefulness of tree and asked everybody to plant as many trees as possible

Thirteen schools participated in the elocution contest. Two students belonging to class IX and X represented each competing team from school. The participating schools included Delhi Public School, and St. Xavier's School of Duliajan; Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Little Flower Higher Secondary School, Vivekananda Kendriya Vidyalaya, Sompurna Kendriya Vidyalaya, Salt Brook School, Jyoti Vidyapith, Shree Agrasen Academy, Bagmibar Nilmoni Phukan Higher Secondary School, Dibrugarh Public

School, Victoria Girls' High School of Dibrugarh and Borbaruah Girls' High School of Borbaruah. All the participants took part in the competition with great enthusiasm and performed to their level best. Prof. S.K. Dutta Memorial first prize of Rs. 2000 was awarded to Ms Upasana Kotoki of Delhi Public School, Duliajan; Prof. P. K. Baruah Memorial second prize of Rs.1500 was awarded to Ms. Sanskriti Gogoi of Little Flower Higher Secondary School of Dibrugarh. Miss Warisa Khan of Little Flower Higher Secondary School, Dibrugarh bagged the third Prize of Rs. 1000. Participation Certificates were awarded to all the participants. Delhi Public School, Dulijan received Prof. Kabita Goswami Memorial Best School Trophy. Dr. Devojit Bezbarua, explained “Dams and Environment: Pros and Cons” with a Power Point presentation. Master Devanga Bidrum Kalita of Salt Brook School, Dibrugarh played a musical composition “Save Earth” on Piano. Mr. Siddhartha Lahiri, faculty of Applied Geology Department, Dibrugarh University introduced Society of Petroleum Geophysicist and its activities to the audience.



(a-b) Students presenting their topic of interest. (c) B.K. Das, from OIL presenting award to winner. (d) Honourable Vice Chancellor awarded Prof. Kabita Goswami Memorial Best School Trophy to Delhi Public School, Duliajan.