

## World Environment Day

Various causes like climate change, global warming, and environment pollution has severe degrading effects on the planet earth. Guwahati, in particular is also not untouched by its stark consequences. However, in recent years the consciousness about the need for environmental protection and ecological preservation has risen to a great extent. It is of utmost importance that the people should be aware not only of the problems involved but also of the role to be played in protecting the environment.

In a significant step in this direction Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) observed the World Environment Day with a two day programme on 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> June 2014. The two day programme was designed mainly to promote understanding among the people in Guwahati city about few key areas which is making a gloomy impact to the environment.

On 4<sup>th</sup> June 2014 Road Show and Flash Mob was conducted in four locations in Guwahati City. The locations are Near Gauhati Commerce College, Near Cotton College State University, Reliance Trends Campus, Big Bazaar Campus. Through beautiful sequences of dances and songs the message on prevention of cutting of trees, non-wastage of water, proper garbage disposal, systematic drainage for waste materials, rain water harvesting, plantation of trees etc. were given to the common people. The children in the flash mob tied seeds in the wrist of the onlookers and many present there pledged for a cleaner and safer City. The main attraction of the Flash Mob was a life size earth replica.

On 5<sup>th</sup> June 2014 a Workshop on **“Impact of climate change on urban life with special reference to Guwahati”** was organized by ASDMA on the occasion of World Environment Day, 2014 at Auditorium, NEDFi House. The objective of the workshop was to make people responsive towards the increasing ill effects of environmental pollution in Guwahati and how it can be mitigated through the responsible acts of the citizens.

Shri Subhash Das, Addl. Chief Secretary, Revenue and Disaster Management, inaugurated the workshop. Shri Ajay Tewari Chief Executive Officer, ASDMA, spoke about the importance of preserving our bio-diversity, the need to identify and deal effectively the problems related to the environment. Dr.Chandan Mahanta, Prof. Civil Engineering Dept.IIT, Ghy and Er. Santanoo Bhattcharyya, Executive Engineer (Mechanical Division) PWD were the Guest speakers for the Workshop.

Over 200 Students from various schools and colleges participated in this workshop with great enthusiasm. Besides, officials from different line departments, functionaries from non- government Organisations, personnel from SDRF, NDRF, Fire and Emergency Services were also present on the occasion.