

Celebration of Important days during 2022-23

Celebration of Republic Day on 26th January, 2022



The College of Horticulture, Bermiok and college of Agricultural Engineering and Post-Harvest Tech, Ranipool Sikkim, were co-jointly celebrated this auspicious day, the 73rd Republic Day, 2022 with great enthusiasm and proud on 26th January 2022 at College of Agril. Eng. & P.H.T., Ranipool. In the programme, Prof. P.P. Dabral, Dean of the college was the Chief Guest and hoisted the flag at 8:00 AM. All the staff member and students of both the colleges joined for the celebration of 73rd Republic day in the campus. After flag hoisted, Dean, delivered the speech about sacrifices made by our soldiers for the sake of our freedom and safety.

A. Celebration of World Pulses Day, 10th Feb, 2022



The College of Horticulture, Bermiok and college of Agricultural Engineering and Post-Harvest Tech, Ranipool Sikkim, were jointly celebrated World Pulses Day on 10th of February 2022 at Old auditorium of College of Agricultural Engineering & Post Harvest Technology (CAEPHT), Ranipool, Sikkim. “Importance of pulses in daily life” a talk was given by Dr. Rakesh K. Raigar, Assistant professor, Department of Processing and Food Engineering (PFE), CAEPHT, Ranipool. The programme was attended by 25 farmers and 9 staffs of CAEPHT, Ranipool & College of Horticulture, Bermiok and 2 others. The programme was coordinated by Dr. P.P. Said, Assistant Professor, Department of Processing and Food Engineering.

B. Celebration of World Water Day, 22nd March 2022



World water day was celebrated on 22th of March, 2022 by College of Horticulture, Bermiok at Old auditorium of College of Agricultural Engineering & Post Harvest Technology (CAEPHT), Ranipool, Sikkim. Dr Dipika Sarmah, Assistant professor, Floriculture & Landscaping, College of Horticulture has given a talk on significance of celebration of water day. The programme was attended by faculties and students of College of Horticulture, Bermiok.

C. Celebration of World Health Day, 07th April, 2022



College of Horticulture, Bermiok and College of Agricultural Engineering and Post Harvest Technology, Ranipool, Sikkim jointly celebrated World Health Day 2022 on 7th April in the CAEPHT campus. The programme was started with

welcome address by Dr. Pradip D. Narale (I/C, SWO of CAEPHT Ranipool) followed by extempore competition of the students on the theme of “OUR PLANET OUR HEALTH”. 21 students participated today in the extempore competition. Dr. Tashi W. Bhutia, Medical Officer of CAEPHT Ranipool delivered a talk to create health awareness among students. Prof. P.P. Dabral, Dean of COH Bermiok and CAEPHT also addressed the audience on the occasion of World Health Day. Prof. Dabral emphasized on the cleanliness of the campus and hostels to maintain the hygienic surrounding for the health improvement. He also talked on the importance of sports, regular exercise and food diets for the healthy lifestyle to the students of the college. The programme was concluded after certificate distribution to the winners of the extempore competition with vote of thanks by Dr. Dipika Sarmah (I/C, SWO, COH Bermiok).

D. Celebration of World Book and Copyright Day, 23rd April 2022



College of Horticulture, Bermiok and College of Agricultural Engineering and Post Harvest Technology, Ranipool, Sikkim jointly celebrated ‘World Book and Copyright Day-2022’ on 23rd April in the campus. This day is observed every year to celebrate and promote the excitement of reading books to spread the joy and pleasure of reading. UNESCO has taken initiative to organise ‘World Book Day’ every year on 23rd April since 1995. During this programme ‘Article writing Competition’ and ‘Story Writing Competition’ was organized to create awareness about copyright among the students. The programme was started with welcome address by Dr. Pradip D. Narale, in charge Student Welfare Officer of CAEPHT Ranipool followed by speeches of students and faculties on the theme of ‘World Book and Copyright Day 2022’. This year UNESCO has given the theme of “Read...So you never feel alone” to motivate the peoples for reading a books. Prof. N.S. Chauhan, I/C Dean of COH, Bermiok and CAEPHT, Ranipool addressed the students, faculties and staff on this occasion. Prof. N. S. Chauhan emphasized on development of reading and writing habits among the students for overall personality growth. He suggested reading the books from different subject areas regularly to generate knowledge and overall development of human being for the nation. Dr. Dipika Sarmah, I/C SWO of College of Horticulture, Bermiok expressed sincere thanks to the organizers for arrangement of this important day and also expressed heartfelt regard to all the students, staff, faculties and I/C Dean of COH Bermiok and CAEPHT, Ranipool Sikkim.

E. Celebration of International Day of Biological Diversity, 22nd May 2022



The International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) was observed by College of Horticulture, Bermiok and College of Agricultural Engineering and Post Harvest Technology, Ranipool jointly on 22nd May to increase understanding and awareness of

biodiversity issues. The theme for the year 2022 is "Building a shared future for all life". Based on this theme, two events were organized as parts of the programme viz., spot painting competition and sketch competition among the students of B. Sc. (Hons.) Horticulture, and B. Tech Agricultural Engineering, B.Tech. Food Technology of both colleges followed by a lecture on biological diversity by the Dean. The programme was chaired by Prof. P. P. Dabral, Dean, CAEPHT & COH and Prof. N.S. Chauhan, Profe. & Head, Farm Machinery and Power Engineering, CAEPHT. Winners were awarded with Cash Prizes and certificates. The programme was co-ordinated by Dr. S. Rajeshkumar Singh, Assistant professor, COH and Dr. Diana Sagolsem, Assistant Prof., CAEPHT.

F. Celebration of World Environment Day, 05th June 2022



College of Horticulture, Bermiok, Sikkim celebrated World Environment Day on 5th June, 2022 with the theme "Only One Earth". The programme was started with the welcome address by Dr. P. Bhumita, Assistant Professor, COH, Bermiok followed by an extempore speech competition for the students was organized where certificates and prizes distributed to the winners. Prof. P.

P. Dabral, Dean College of Horticulture addressed the audience on the occasion of World Environment Day. The programme was concluded with the vote of thanks by Dr. Dipika Sarmah, Assistant Professor, COH, Bermiok. In the end of the programme, tree plantation was done by faculties and students.

G. Celebration of International Day of Yoga, 21st June, 2022



College of Horticulture, Bermiok, Sikkim celebrated International Day of Yoga on 21st June, 2022 at Ranipool campus. This year the theme of the International Day of Yoga is "Yoga for Humanity" which is intended at bringing to light the physical, mental and emotional state of people. This year, 8th International Day of Yoga was celebrated in the

college at old auditorium of CAEPHT, Ranipool from 8:30 am to 9:30 am. The programme was started with a speech on the significance and history of Day of Yoga by Dr. Dipika Sarmah, I/C SWO of COH, Bermiok. Dean College of Horticulture, Bermiok, Dr. A. K. Pandey, while felicitating the Yoga Instructor Mr. Rakesh Jha and Mr. Arjun Dahal, highlighted the importance and benefits of yoga in human life for balancing the physical and mental growth of the body. The yoga practice was started with chanting of 'OM'. The yoga Instructor demonstrated various *yoga asanas* and *prayayamas* which were followed by Dean COH, Bermiok, all Faculty members and participating students. The Programme was concluded with vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Yamuna Pandey, Assistant professor, COH, Bermiok.

H. Celebration of 76th Independence Day on 15th August 2022

College of Horticulture, Bermiok celebrated 76th Independence Day as *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotshav* with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervor on 15th August, 2022 at Bermiok campus with staff, students and guests to commemorate the 76th year of freedom from the British rule. On this special occasion, the programme started with flag hoisting by the Dr. A.K. Pandey, Dean College of Horticulture followed by National Anthem. Dr. Pandey addressed the gathering appealing to impregnate with full of nationalistic spirit and every moment feel pride being an Indian and fulfilling one's duty with responsibility. Dr. Pandey also paid tribute to the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the cause of freedom. He spoke about the significance of the historic day and how far the country has made achievements, advances, success and growth in every field. The cultural program like drama, group singing and dance was performed by the students and faculty to mark the occasion. The programme came to an end with the distribution of prizes to students who secured 1st, 2nd & 3rd Prize for painting, marathon, musical chair and essay writing competitions, organized during week long program of Independence Day celebration. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Dipika Sarmah, I/c SWO and Dr. Yamuna Pandey, Assistant Professors of COH, Bermiok.



Fig: Glimpses of Celebration of 76th Independence Day, 2022

During the weeklong celebration of 76th Independence Day, 'Prabhat Pheri' was conducted by faculties and students at college campus during 13-14th August, 2022.



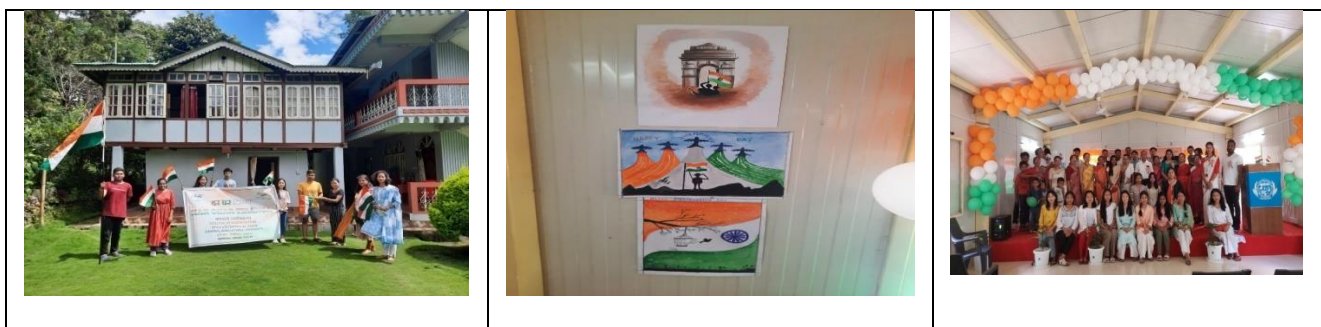


Fig: Glimpses of Prabhat Pheri weeklong programme during 76th Independence Day

Har Ghar Tiranga campaign was conducted 13-15th August, 2022 by College of Horticulture, Bermiok. During this campaign National flag was distributed to nearby household by the students and faculties of College of Horticulture, Bermiok. During the week-long celebration of 76th Independence Day, different competitions like paintings, essay writing, marathon, musical chair were organized among the students and prizes were given to the winners on 15th August.

I. Cultural event to honour Kavi Shri Subramanya Bharathi on his 100th Shraddanjali



College of Horticulture, Bermiok organized, cultural event to mark the 100th years of remembrance of Kavi Subramanya Bharthi on 4th September, 2022 in collaboration with Shri Krishna Sweets Chennai, Bharathiya Vidya Bhawan, Chennai Kendra and Tamil Matrimony. Shri Bhaskar Prasad Poudyal

graced the occasion as chief guest on the event. Dr. A. K. Pandey, Dean College of Horticulture, felicitated the chief guest and organizer Shri Sathish Kumar, Advocate Madras High Court.

J. Celebration of Hindi Pakhwada and Hindi Diwas on 14th September, 2022



College of Horticulture, Bermiok, Sikkim celebrated Hindi Diwas on 14th September, 2022 at Bermiok campus as a mark of respect to Hindi as the *Raj Bhasha*. The programme was started with lightening of lamp by Dr. A.K. Pandey, Dean College of Horticulture, Bermiok and Chief Guest of the programme Ms. Neelam Singh, Hindi Teacher, Majushree Public school, Temi Tarku. Dr. Dipika

Sarmah, Assistant Professor & Hindi officer of College of Horticulture delivered the welcome speech. Dean, COH highlighted the role and importance of Hindi language on the development of country. He emphasized that we should be proud of our national language and should learn to speak in public domain without any hesitation. Ms. Neelam Singh, Chief

Guest of the programme speaking on the occasion gave an insight and importance of Hindi language in our daily life. Mr. Arun Kumar Lama, guest of the programme also delivered the speech on the occasion and mentioned that Hindi is the only language which play important role in making people to connect with the people. Dr. Phukram Bhumita, Assitant Professor gave speech on significance of Hindi in North East Region. Later, students of College of Horticulture, Bermiok performed a group song and Mr. Sonak Majumder, 3rd year student delivered a speech on importance of Hindi Diwas. The programme was successfully concluded with vote of thanks proposed by Dr. M. Victoria Devi, Assistant professor, MTTC & VTC, COH, Bermiok and National Anthem.

K. Celebration of World Bamboo Day on 18th September, 2022



World Bamboo was celebrated by College of Horticulture, Bermiok on 18th September, 2022 at college campus. The occasion was started with lightning the lamp by dignitaries. Dr. Dipika Sarmah, Assistant professor of the college proceeded the session with a welcome speech and highlighted on the versatile uses of bamboo and its conservation. Dr. H. Sanjita Devi, Assistant Professor gave a brief highlight about the prospects of edible bamboo in Northeast

Sikkim. She highlighted the nutritional importance and presence of anti-nutritional factors in fresh and fermented bamboo products.

Dr. A. K. Pandey, Dean of the college highlighted the importance of bamboo in North-east India and the benefits of bamboo cultivation in Sikkim to increase the farmers' income. He highlighted the importance to Bamboo artifacts in various regions of North-east regions and also gave detail information on the various bamboo germplams of Sikkim and importance of it's conservation in Sikkim. Dr Pandey said that India has abundant



diversity of bamboo genetic resources after China and about 25% of bamboo species of the world are found in India distributed widely in almost in all the states. Sikkim has rich genetic wealth of bamboo and it occupies 8 genera and over 30 species. While mentioning the several industrial uses of bamboo, he highlighted the growing business of Indian Agarbatti Industry which has exported its products to countries worldwide with staggering revenue that was close to Rs. 1000 crore. India's Agarbatti Export Industry has shown an upward spike at a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 15% and is expected to cross Rs. 12,000 crore mark in next 5 years. Further, he mentioned that bamboo species, *Bambusa tulda* which is most suitable for stick making has abundant scope for cultivation in the Sikkim state.



Mr. Nima Dawa Tawang, Bamboo Handicraft Entrepreneur encourages the youths and students of the college to take up entrepreneurship for self-reliance and employment. He also highlighted the value of bamboo artifacts in the market and benefits of taking up bamboo ventures. Mrs. Saraswati Sharma, Vice President, Bermiok GPU gave immense importance on development and encourage bamboo cultivation to the farmers. Ms. Rebecca Gurung, ADO, ATMA, Govt. of Sikkim gave her appreciation on bringing up new Horticultural College in Bermiok, Sikkim. She highlighted the various bamboo germplasm and steps to conserve it in North East region. She also stated that Entrepreneurship is the key to self-reliance and employment. She also gave immense importance on bringing up bamboo ventures by rural youths. Mr. Till Bahadur Subba, DFO-Wildlife, Namchi, Sikkim gave his appreciation to the dean for opening a new Horticulture college in the much-needed region of Sikkim. He shared valuable informative on the importance of bamboo cultivation, availability of bamboo germplasm and conservation of the germplasm in Sikkim. He also highlighted on the importance of fermented bamboo food in northeast region. DFO said that bamboo is also equally important to nurture the Red Panda (*Ailurus fulgens*), the state animal of Sikkim.

The programme was followed by Distribution of farm inputs viz., Vegetable seeds, Neem and bamboo seedlings. And moreover, College of Horticulture showcased its bamboo artifacts to the invitees and the local farmers. In the conclusion, Dr. S. Rajeshkumar Assistant professor of the college gave the vote of thanks.

L. Celebration of 153rd birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on 2nd October, 2022



College of Horticulture, Bermiok organized 153rd Birth anniversary of father of Nation on 2nd October. COH, Dean Dr. A. K. Pandey led the program by flag hoisting and paid the floral tribute to the Mahatma Gandhi. While addressing the gathering Dr. Pandey remembered the thoughts and values of Gandhiji. He spoke on Gandhiji's principles of truth, peace and non-violence. He urged students and faculties to follow the ideals of

Mahatma Gandhi. On this very occasion, college also paid homage to former Prime Minister Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri and recited his famous slogan "*Jai Jawan Jai Kishan*". On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, taking the initiative of *Swachh Bharat Abhiyan*, COH, Bermiok also organized a day long cleanliness drive at college campus. Program was led by Dr. Dipika Sharma, Assistant Professor & SWO, Dr. Yamuna Pandey, Assistant professor (Fruit Science), Dr. P. Bhumita, Assistant Professor (Entomology) and wherein undergraduate students of Horticulture College assisted the programme to make it a grand success.

M. Celebration of World Food Day on 17th October, 2022

College of Horticulture, Bermiok celebrated World Food Day on 17th October, 2022 with the theme of "**LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND**" having the objective to create awareness and to combat poverty, hunger and malnutrition. The program was attended by the 50



no of undergraduate students along with faculties and staff of the college. During the program Dr. A.K. Pandey, Dean explained about the country's agriculture production and said that India is having self-sufficiency in food production, however, burgeoning population, ceaseless fragmentation of land holding, increasing growth of urbanization is major challenges for sustainability. Students took part in rangoli preparation with diverse agricultural products such as pulses, rice, millet, lentils etc. and displayed with explanation. Dr. Yamuna Pandey, Assistant Professor, coordinated the program and urged the students to add nutritious foods like, fruits, vegetables, nuts, milk, juice, salads etc in everyday meal to ensure balance diet and to lead healthy and prosperous life. The programme was successfully concluded with vote of thanks to Chair.

N. Celebration National Unity Day on 1st November, 2022



College of Horticulture, Bermiok celebrated “National Unity Day” (*Rashtriya Ekta Diwas*) with the tradition fervor. Assistant Professor Dr. Yamuna Pandey while welcoming the participants said National Unity Day was introduced by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in 2014 with the aim to commemorate the birth

anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel “Iron man” of India who served as the first Home Minister of India after Independence. Assistant professor, Dr. Y. Rupert Anand in his speech mentioned that how unity in diversity plays significant role in the society and the country. Students of COH, Bermiok Mr. Sonak Majumdar and Mr. Devarghya Saha recited the poem on Unity while Mr. Tamo Pigyor sang a patriotic song. Dr. A.K. Pandey, Dean paid tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel for his countless efforts for the unification of over 563 princely states. He said *Rashtriya Ekta Diwas* provides an opportunity to reaffirm the inherent strength and resilience of our nation towards upholding the unity, integrity and security of the country. The program was concluded with vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Sunil Kumar Chongtham.

O. NSS unit of COH, Bermiok organized Cleanliness and Plantation Drive on 12th November, 2022



Clean environment is an indicator of progress of human being and with the motto of clean environment Government of India has initiated ‘*Swaccha Bharat Abhiyan*’ in 2014 to eliminate open defecation and improve solid waste management. The NSS unit of College of Horticulture, Bermiok has taken this opportunity and initiated cleanliness and plantation drive in and around the college campus as a part of regular NSS activities on

12.11.2022. This drive was led by Dean, Dr. A. K. Pandey and In-charge student welfare Officer Dr. Dipika Sarmah. Dr Pandey said that *Swachh Bharat Abhiyan* is India's largest

cleanliness drive which aims to make India more sustainable and eco-friendlier for living. The main purpose of this programme was to promote awareness about cleanliness in its premises. During this activity volunteers have cleaned the approach road from Girls Hostel, administrative cum academic building to boy's hostel and chopped the unwanted bushes along road side. They also removed the grass and weeds besides the divider and picked up the all plastic garbage from both sides of road. Apart from these, trimming of different ornamental plants were also performed on road side planted trees of the campus. Under this programme, all the B.Sc (Hons.) Horticulture students, faculties and staff actively participated. Total 55 volunteers have participated in this event.

P. Celebration of Constitution Day on 26th November, 2022



College of Horticulture, Bermiok, celebrated constitution Day on 26th November, 2022 with the theme of *“Bharat: Loktantra ki Janani”*, the idea of Bharat needs to be cherished as there are millions and millions of Indians across the globe since times immemorial. During the program Dr. A.K. Pandey, Dean addressed the gathering and highlighted the significance of the day and the reason behind

adopting the constitution of India. He also mentioned about the various facts of our constitution and acknowledged the efforts of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the father of Indian Constitution. Dr. Dipika Sarmah, Assistant Professor, and I/c SWO, read the preamble of Indian constitution and helped the staff and students to repeat it. She also explained about the history of constitution day celebration. The program was attended by the undergraduate students along with faculties and staff of the college.

Q. Celebration 74th Republic day at College of Horticulture, Bermiok



The College of Horticulture, CAU (I), Bermiok, South Sikkim, celebrated Republic Day on January 26, 2023, at the College Academic Building at Tokal Bermiok. Dr. Dipika Sarmah, Assistant Professor, COH, Bermiok, and Coordinator of the Program, welcomed the faculties, staff, and students to the Program. At the onset of the program, Dr.

A. K. Pandey, Dean, College of Horticulture, unfurled the National Flag and it was followed with recitation of National Anthem. On this occasion, dean explained the contribution of agriculture in the growth and development of the country and made everyone realize the importance of agriculture, which is the backbone of our Indian economy. The students of the 1st and 2nd years paid their respect to soldiers and army by singing and dancing patriotic songs. The dean of the college also presented a token of thanks and a certificate to the college's best employees as part of the program. The programme was concluded by a vote of thanks by Dr. Yamuna Pandey, Assistant Professor, CoH, Bermiok.

R. Celebration of National Science Day on 28th February, 2023

College of horticulture, Bermiok celebrated National Science Day on 28th February 2023 at its campus with the theme “Global Science for Global Wellbeing”. The program was graced by Mr. Ashok Kumar Bhagat, Principal, Govt. Senior Secondary School, Bermiok, Tokal as Chief Guest of the function accompanied by Mr. Roshan Sharma, Vice Principal All together, 56 Students of Class XII from Govt Senior Secondary School, Bermiok Tokal and BSc Horticulture (Hons) students of College of Horticulture, Bermiok along with the faculties participated the said program. Dr Haobijam Sanjita Devi, while welcoming the guest and the participants briefed about the importance of science and technology. Dr. A.K. Pandey highlighted the significant contribution made by Prof. C. V. Raman and its immense contribution to science. Mr. Ashok Kumar Bhagat, talked about how science affected in our daily lives. COH students Obit, Priti, Lham, Dharmendra and Manaswi Pradhan gave speech on the importance of celebrating science and life of Prof. C V Raman. A quiz competition for the students of Govt. Senior Secondary School, Tokal Bermiok was organized and on the basis of performance, certificates were distributed for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions. The program ended with vote of thanks proposed by Dr S Rajesh Kumar Singh and recitation of National Anthem.



Fig: Glimpses of celebration of National Science Day