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Photo : Dinesh Choudhury

On 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011, Kaziranga Wildlife Society has celebrated its 42<sup>nd</sup> Foundation Day in an austere function at Pensioner's Bhavan, Chandmari Guwahati. Just about four decades for an NGO in the wide spectrum of ecology and wildlife is not much of a span to create an enduring impact in a country like our's where the priorities of industrialization and development continue to get precedence over everything else. But with increasing awareness about the heavy social cost brought about by wanton destruction of ecology in the name of mindless development, there emerges, of late, a worldwide concern for conservation of the natural order along with its pristine attributes, if we really mean to ensure welfare of the planet Earth and the peoples living in it. This obviously entails a critical role to the NGOs and activists dedicated to the cause of environment, ecology and wildlife as a whole.

Against this backdrop KWLS is well-disposed to appreciate its responsibilities and accountability in its appointed niche. Surviving through four decades of trials and tribulation per se, while remaining committed to the cause it has been expounding, the Society once again renews its resolve on its 42<sup>nd</sup> Foundation Day to continue offering its best services for the cause of wildlife, ecology and environment in the region, through various ways within its means. Our activities during the last six months innumerable here would amply bear it out.



## EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- i) **Foundation Day Celebration** at Pensioners Bhavan, Chandmari, Guwahati on December 12th 2011.
- ii) As per convention this year too KWLS has awarded its **Lifetime Achievement Award** for the year 2011 to Sri Dinesh Choudhury whose credentials as a passionate conservationists hardly need to be emphasised anew. In a well attended function held at Guwahati Press Club on 12th February 2012 Sri Choudhury was awarded the prize by Sri Surajit Dutta, Director, KNP, Kohora.



*(Dinesh Choudhury receiving the Life Time Achievement award)*

- iii) In the same function the **Founder Secretary** of KWLS Sri P.C. Sarma was felicitated by the members of KWLS and his selfless sacrifice for the survival and growth of the Society was gratefully recounted by them.



*P. C. Sarma felicitated*



*Veternary Medicines being distrubuted free to the farmers at Kohora*

- iv) KWLS in collaboration with State Vety. Dept and local administration has organised and actively participated in a **cattle vaccination camp** held at Kohora on 27-02-2012 The society has also donated and distributed medicine worth more that rupees twenty thousand to make the camp a grand success.
- v) Pilot Project on Apriary : To provide feasible means of additional income for marginal farmers KWLS is setting up a pilot level project for an appiary in Doomjan village near Kohora in which Sri Chandra Rajkhowa is provided with ten nos bee-keeping boxes to work out the viability. If found successfull, KWLS would extend the facility to a few other farmers in the village so that it may flourish in course of time to a thriving economic activity for the nearby villagers too.



*Chandra Rajkhowa with bee boxes*



- vi) **Discourse on Man-Animal Symbiosis** : To create awareness among school children about the symbiotic harmony between humanbeings and wild animals despite so-called depredation of the later, KSW conducted visual presentation in various schools around Kohora. The resource person Sri Dinesh Choudhury explained the cause and effect of reported conflicts and how to resolve the same with best results possible much to the appreciation of the young students.



Mr. B. Ekka GM(HR) NRL receiving the papers



Discourse on Man-Animal conflict

- vii) Having completed the 1st phase of a Harbarium project sponsored by NRL, the membes of KLWS led by its General Secretary Sri Rajib Saikia had formally handed over the papers of completion along with sincere thanks to the NRL authority in Numaligarh on 26.02.2012. On behalf of NRL Sir B. Ekka, the G.M. (HR) NRL appreciated the effort of KWLS and gave assurance of further help should an occasion arise in future too.

- viii) **Guwahati Refinery, Noonmati** has given a grant of Rs. 20000/- (Twenty thousand) only to procure books for the library of KWLS which was gratefully acknowledged by the Society. In this connection a brief interaction between the GM, Guwahati Refinery Sri W. Borborah and the executive members of the KWLS was organised in the Society's office at Guwahati



Mr. W. Borborah, Mr. M. Baruah of Guwahati Refinery handing over the books to KWLS



on 07-04-2012 where the members profusely thanked the benefactors for their generosity.

- ix) Our president Sri Indrajit Dutta delivered a lecture in Guwahati Press Club on the subject of **man elephant conflict resolution** on the occasion of World Wet Land Day on 02-03-2012.

## EVENTS PROPOSED FOR REST OF THE YEAR 2012-13

- Dr. Robin Banerjee Memorial All India photographic competition.
- Photographic Exhibition of Sri Dinesh Choudhury based on wildlife.
- Audio-visual presentation of wildlife vis-a-vis man-animal conflict resolution through "sharing and caring" for the benefit of school children in Guwahati and district towns in Assam.
- Extension and consolidation of Appiary project around KNP, Kohora for the benefit of poor and marginal farmers.
- Setting up an ethno-cultural museum in KWLS premises of Kohora.



## WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



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Dr. Monidipa Baruah



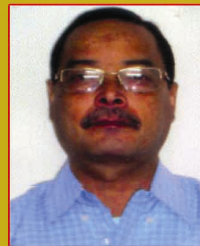
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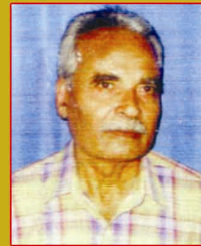
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