

Report on Rural Science Festival

Organised by: Assam Science Society in collaboration with Kokrajhar Branch, Assam Science Society and Kokrajhar Government College, Kokrajhar (Assam)

Sponsored by: Science, Technology & Climate Change Department, Government of Assam

Date: 9th & 10th April, 2025

Venue: Jalaishri High School

Participants: Students of Classes VIII, IX and X (approx. 150 students including 10 teachers)

The Rural Science Festival was successfully organized on **9th and 10th April, 2025** by the Assam Science Society in collaboration with the **Kokrajhar Branch of Assam Science Society** and **Kokrajhar Government College, Kokrajhar**, with financial support from the **Science, Technology & Climate Change Department, Government of Assam**. The programme was held at **Jalaishri High School** with active participation of students from Classes VIII, IX and X.

The primary objective of the festival was to promote scientific temper, creativity, environmental awareness, and rational thinking among rural school students. The festival agenda included a variety of student-centric activities such as collage painting and decoration using eco-friendly materials like green leaves and dry leaves, art competition, and essay writing competition, with a special focus on sustainable practices and environmental consciousness.

On 10th April, 2025, a special lecture-cum-awareness programme was organized. The programme was initiated under the guidance of the **Principal of Kokrajhar Government College, Dr. Dimacha D. Mwchahary**, who delivered an insightful lecture highlighting the importance of science and technology in present-day competitive life. His address emphasized the role of scientific education in shaping informed and skilled citizens.

The session was followed by a lecture by **Dr. Gauri Shankar Narzary, IQAC Coordinator, Kokrajhar Government College**, who spoke on the geographical importance and scope of geographical science, motivating students to explore Geography as a promising academic discipline. Subsequently, **Dr. Leeladhar Chouhan, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics**, delivered an engaging talk on superstitious beliefs, their adverse impacts, and the need to overcome them

through scientific reasoning. He also conducted a practical demonstration related to physical science, which generated keen interest among the students.

Dr. Bichitra Narzary, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, addressed the gathering on the importance of biodiversity, biodiversity loss, and its negative ecological impacts, emphasizing the urgent need for biodiversity conservation. To keep the students motivated and entertained, cultural Programmes including a magic show and group dance were also presented during the event.

The festival concluded with a prize distribution ceremony, where winners of various competitions were awarded. The **Rural Science Festival, 2025** proved to be a meaningful and impactful initiative, fostering scientific awareness, environmental responsibility, and enthusiasm for learning among rural students.

Principal
Kokrajhar Govt. College
Kokrajhar
Date: 10th April, 2025



Fig.1: Banner of the Rural Science Festival



Awareness Lecture by Dr. Leeladhar Chouhan



Cultural Dance by students of Jalaishri High School



Awareness Lecture by Dr. Gauri Shankar Narzary and Dr. Bichitra Narzary