**Workshop on**

**Challenges of Solid Waste and Citizens’ Responsibility**

**Venue: Conference Hall, Nowgong Girls’ College, Haibargaon**

**Nagaon-782002**

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**Organised by Panthataru Sangrakshani Asom**

**In association with Economics Department, Nowgong Girls’ College**

**REPORT**

The workshop on the **Challenges of Solid Waste and Citizens’ Responsibility** was organised by Panthataru Sanngrakshani Asom in association with the Department of Economics, Nowgong Girls’ College, Nagaon. The workshop was held at the conference hall of Nowgong Girls’ College on November 9, 2019. The workshop was attended by the District Administration, Nagaon Forest Division and the Municipal Boards of Nagaon, Kampur, Raha and Dhing.

**Inaugural Session**

The inaugural session started with a welcome address by Sri Bubul Sarma, General Secretary of Panthataru Sanngrakshani Asom and Dr Kulen Chandra Das, Hod of the Department of Economics, Nowgong Girls’ College. Dr Partha Jyoti Das, Head of ‘Water, Climate and Hazard Division’, Aaranyak, Guwahati briefed the concept of solid waste and solid waste management in the cities. He presented a detailed analysis of the problem in the context of Nagaon town.

In his speech, Mr Jadav Saikia, the Deputy Commissioner of Nagaon put light on the unsolved problem of solid wastes even in small cities like Nagaon. He urged everyone to join hands with the district administration for a clean Nagaon town. The Deputy Commissioner promised that if someone takes responsibility for collecting plastic waste, which is the primary polluter of the town, the district administration would willingly buy all those waste and put it to beneficial use.

Mr Bhupesh Das, the District Development Commissioner (DDC) of Nagaon while expressing his disappointment over the working of the Municipal Boards across the state also expressed his discontentment over the behaviour of the citizens of the town. He emphasised the need for mass house-to-house awareness for the segregation of wastes according to their category.

Mr Jayanta Bora, Assistant Deputy Commissioner (ADC), who is also in charge of the Nagaon Municipal Board as CEO put light on various measures, they have been administering for the rather difficult problem of solid waste management. He also urged the people of Nagaon to behave responsibly towards solid waste management.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Mr Rajen Choudhury, who stressed on the need for such a workshop for Nagaon, elaborated on the problem of plastic pollution across the globe. It is quite difficult but with citizens’ participation, the problem could be solved to a great extent in smaller towns like Nagaon.

**Technical Session-I**

At the beginning of the session, Dr Kulen Ch Das introduced two eminent personalities and experts in the field of solid waste in the state, i.e., Dr Amarjyoti Kashyap, Chief Functionary, ENVIRON and Sri Chinmoy Sarma, Managing Director, North East Green Tech Pvt Ltd. Both the Resource Persons have been in this field of solid waste management for years and Dr Amarjyoti Kashyap had been awarded at various national forums for his contribution towards the field of solid waste management.

In his speech, Dr Kashyap elaborated on how the solid waste of a town could be solved easily. The only need is to spread awareness on the segregation of the waste generated at the households and a door-to-door collection from the households. He presented various successful case studies and project works of his own where he could succeed to manage the problem of solid waste with little hard work.

Mr Chinmoy Sarma of North East Gree Tech Pvt Ltd. also showed his own technology to manage the solid waste generated in the towns of Assam. Both the resource persons urged the district administration for embracing the technology for the solid waste management of all four municipal boards of Nagaon district.

The workshop ended with a vote of thanks presented by Panthataru Sangrakshani Asom, Nagaon.