

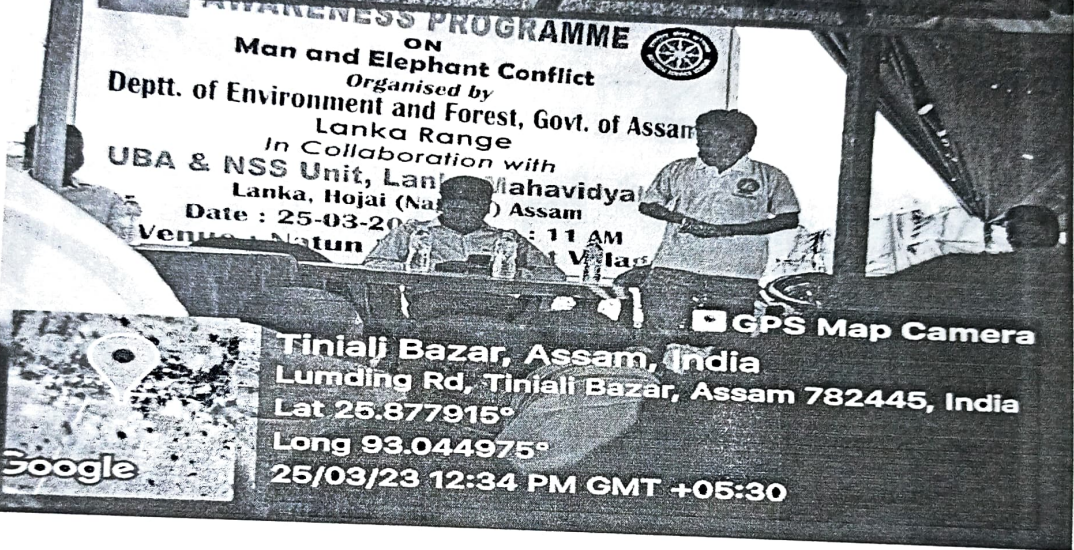
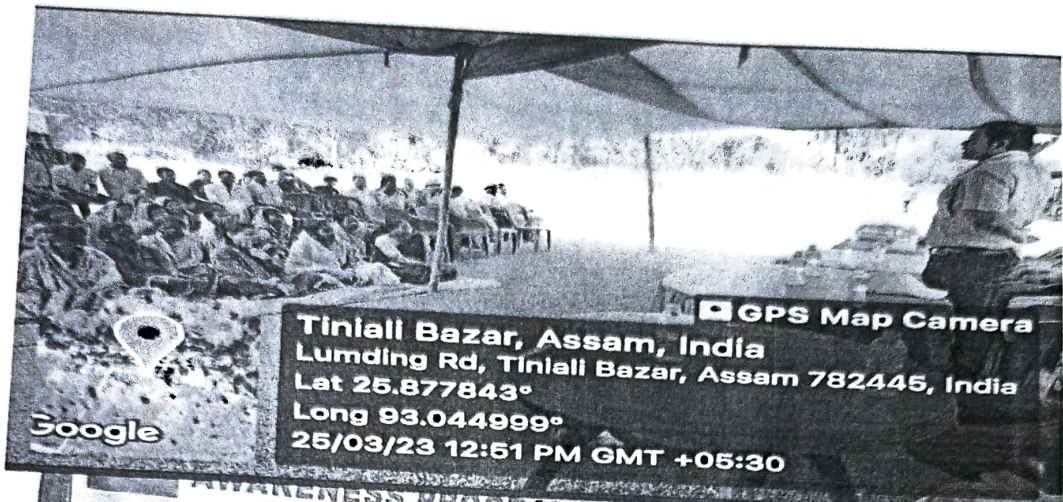
Report
on
**Awareness Programme ON Man-Elephant Conflict at Natun basti forest village,
Lanka, Hojai, Assam**

NSS unit, Lanka Mahavidyalaya in collaboration with the Environment and Forest, Govt. of Assam, Lanka Range under Nagaon South Division Hojai initiated an Awareness Programme on **Man and Elephant** Conflict at Natubasti forest village on 25th March, 2023.

The programme started at around 11.00 AM with the introductory speech given by Prabin Saikia I/C, Lanka Range Office, Lanka who spoke on how Man-Animal Conflict has the greatest impact on Wildlife and the communities that live nearby. The succeeding speech was given by Champak Deka, ACF, Nagaon South Division Hojai, who talked on the causes on man and Elephant conflict in the context of Assam. He told that animals come out of their natural habitats in search of food due to shortage of availability of food and shelter; due to disturbances like encroachment of domain land, poaching of wild animals etc. The follow up speech was given by Salim Ahmed, ACF, Nagaon South Division Hojai on what are the steps that must be taken to enhance the safety of people and wildlife and to create mutual benefits of coexistence and how local communities can also participate in devising measures to reduce this conflict. Prof Gojen Daimari, NSS Programme Officer, also sensitized the villagers of Natunbasti, Puranabasti and Mathura Beel forest village through his speech and help them to be aware of the conflict that may arise due to ignorant attitude towards nature. Prof Nahim Mazumder, HOD, Department of Bengali, Lanka Mahavidyalaya, Prof. Ankur Hazarika, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Lanka Mahavidyalaya, and Prof. Silpikha Baruah, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Lanka Mahavidyalaya also tried to raise awareness on issues such as mitigation of human-wildlife conflict and harmonious co-existence among local communities through their valuable speeches. Following their valuable speeches, there was interactive session with the villagers where the Forest officials interacted with the villagers of three villagers and clarified their queries.

The successful programme came to an end with the vote of thanks delivered by Prof. Ankur Hazarika, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Lanka Mahavidyalaya who extended his gratitude to all the participants of the programme for their gracious presence.

The image of the programme is attached:



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Organiser,

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