

Activity: Faculty Exchange

Activity date: 08/06/2023

Report Date: 12/06/2023

A Faculty Exchange Program was held in Lachitghat, Guwahati, under MoU/LoU between WWF-INDIA and Pragjyotish College on 08/06/2023. The topic of discussion was “Tide Turner Plastic Challenge” which led to the awareness on harmful effects of Plastic and plastic pollution. The State Coordinator of WWF delivered a lecture on Plastic pollution during this cleanliness drive and emphasized on how collaborative actions can curtail the plastic pollution. Dr. Manjit Mazumdar from Pragjyotish College, Department of Geology, along with 4 students of the department participated in this event.

The list of students and summary report along with the photographs are given below:



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REPORT OF EVENT:

Name of Event: Tide Turners Plastic Challenge

Venue: Lachitghat, Guwahati

Date: 08.06.2023

List of Participants: 1. Dr. Manjit Kumar Mazumdar (Teacher In-Charge)

2. Ishan Saw (Student)

3. Supratim Goswami (Student)

4. Asish Chetry (Student)

5. Abhilekh Gogoi (Student)

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