Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development, Guwahati (RCE Guwahati)

Simanta Kalita
Area of operation

Map of Assam
Partners

Formal Education Institutions:
- Gauhati University (GU)
- Board of Secondary Education, Assam (SEBA)
- Cotton College (Centre of Excellence) (CCG)
- Lalit Chandra Bharali College (LCBC)
- Maharishi Vidya Mandir Pub. School (MVM)

Non-formal Education Institutions:
- Assam Science Technology & Environment Council (ASTEC)
- All India Radio, Guwahati (AIR)
- Assam State Zoo

Civil Society Organizations:
- Centre for Environment Education (CEE) North East
- Aitijya
- Kalpadroom Foundation
- Aaranyak
RCE Guwahati activities so far

- Demonstrations
- Awareness & Education
- Policy interventions
Main focus of the RCE

• Education for integrated conservation of biodiversity for sustainable development
  – Education for livelihood diversification
  – Education for reducing man-animal conflicts
  – Education for planned integrated management of natural resources

• Education for Children
  – Curricular intervention
  – Teachers’ training
  – School activities
## Partnership programmes

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Activities at School Level

• Syllabus and Text Book Interventions
• For Primary and Secondary Students:
  – Mainstreaming of project approach
  – Eco-clubs as the vehicle of activity-based learning
  – NCSC as the laboratory of experimentation
  – Lecture programmes
  – Exhibitions
  – Demonstrations
  – Quiz
  – Making students parts of campaigns
Activities for College and University Students

• Awareness programmes:
  – Lectures – Deeporbeel Ramsar site
  – Slide shows – Biodiversity
  – Panel discussions
Activities for other stakeholders:

- Popular media programmes involving All India Radio
- Promoting sustainable NRM based livelihood – ETP
- Panel discussion on Climate change, Biodiversity and Traditional knowledge
- Education campaign for sustainable use of energy – ASTEC (AEDA), CEE & Kalpadroom
- Conservation education for protecting
  - Tiger
  - Rhino
  - Hoolock Gibbon
  - River Dolphin
- Disaster education
  - Cotton College
Activities so far..
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The way forward...

- Expanding from Assam to whole NE India
- Programmatic focus –
  - Biodiversity conservation
  - Disaster education
  - Traditional knowledge
  - Sustainable Consumption
  - Sustainable livelihood
- Collaborative projects
- Resource mobilization- Piggy backing
Together we build a vision:

"A self sufficient North East India sustainably managing its natural resources"