

Project Update: June 2017

We celebrated International Biodiversity and Environment Day. We combined the events, started biodiversity conservation awareness campaign with students on 22nd May 2017 and concluded the campaign with poster presentation, plays and cultural activities on 5th June 2017. Students and teachers from 11 government schools participated in the campaign. The theme of the campaign was "Our village, Our Biodiversity". Local media also appreciated the programme and mentioned that "the initiative is a good tool to aware society on biodiversity conservation". I presented my work on mahsheer conservation.

As proposed, the construction of two fish ponds has started with technical and financial help of fishery department of Uttarakhand government. In addition, a 3-day exposure visit (3rd to 6th August 2017) of 10 local fishermen to cold-water fisheries research centre, Bimetal has finalised with research centre administrative.

Furthermore, village's socio-economic and river ecosystem's baseline survey is going on. Ten deep water zones in 20 km of the Ramganga River have been identified for habitat protection and seed ranching.



Left: Fish pond under construction and beneficiary Mr Kripal Singh with fishery inspector Mr. Ravindra). **Right:** Fish Pond under construction beneficiary Mr Sunil Kumar.



Left: World environment and biodiversity day celebration **Right:** Volunteers during base line survey.