

### **Workshop and training session on “Conservation of threatened birds of Brahmaputra floodplains”**

was organized by Climate Change and Himalaya Programme, Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS), India in collaboration with Birdlife International and Kaziranga National Park, Assam on 10th April 2019 at Centenary Centre, Kohra, Central Range, Kaziranga National Park. The one-day Workshop and training were aimed to target different stakeholders (Assam forest department, graduate undergraduate students with interest in avifauna and amateur birdwatchers) in an area.

Forest officials and staff members from eight divisions covering National parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries and nine Universities and colleges participated in the event. Total of 120 participants and 10 BNHS staff members made the event successful.

#### **Highlights of the event:**

The aim and objectives of this workshop and training was to generate awareness among the stakeholders and partners about the threatened grassland birds of the Brahmaputra Floodplains, corridors and their importance in species conservation, ecotourism and ethics in birdwatching, species conservation and research cases from India and past and present status of illegal trading/poaching of birds from India.

The first session was begun with societies (BNHS, India) Introduction, threatened bird species, identification of grassland corridors project designing and status of research, case studies of Bengal Florican and Finn's weaver research and conservation. The welcome talk by delegates (Director, Kaziranga National Park) was given by Shri. P Shivkumar Periaswami followed by (Shri. Rohini Vallabh Saikia) DFO, Eastern Division, Kaziranga National Park. The second session was about responsible birdwatching (does and don'ts), a case study of Amur Falcon and bird trade in India. Participants discussed there birding and conservation contributions. Also, the strategies for future research and conservation were discussed with forest officials and participants.



Inoguration of workshop and training session and report 'the Status, and distribution of Finn's weaver' published by BNHS was release by deligates at Centenary Centre, Kohra, Central Range, Kaziranga National Park. From left Shri. Shri. Rabindra Sharma (Research officer, Kaziranga National Park (KNP)), Shri. P Shivkumar Periaswami (Park director, KNP), Shri. Rohini Vallabh Saikia, (Eastern Range, DFO, KNP), Dr. Girish Jathar and Dr. Rajat Bhargava (BNHS, India).



Workshop participants – forest officials and staff members, students and BNHS team at Centenary Centre, Kohra, Central Range, Kaziranga National Park.



Interaction with forest staff members and participants at workshop and training session.