

## **RFRI conducts Training-cum-Technology Transfer Programme under ‘Direct to Consumer Scheme’ of the ICFRE**

Under ‘**Direct to Consumer Scheme**’ of the ICFRE, a survey was conducted in different broom grass growing areas of degraded *jhum* land in Assam and Meghalaya. PRA exercise was conducted to evaluate the problems and prospects of Broom grass cultivation. Technology transfer programme regarding sustainable productivity and management of broom grass cultivation was carried out among the farmers of Rongtara village (Rongmongwe block), Diliterang Village (Bokajan Block), Khayasing Terang village and Donghap village (Samelangso block); Amlong Village and Borpu village (Chinthong Block) of Karbi Anglong, Assam. In Meghalaya the programme was conducted in Nongkhrah village of Re Bhoi District, Pynersula village and Mourrapat village of east Khasi hill. During the interactive session with farmers, villagers and elderly people strength, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) were explored regarding existing practices of broom grass cultivation. The team built a good rapport with the farmers and willing farmers were identified to participate in the extension activity.

*Thysanolaena maxima* (Broom grass) is a good profitable enterprise, have a good potential for generating local employment and can be used for enhancing rural income. It is a multipurpose species which provides brooms, that is used in every household in the country and the demand is increasing gradually. Beside this it has high soil conservation value. The grass can be successfully grown in the hilly track of northeastern region of India and its cultivation can promote the sustainable use of fragile and degraded lands.

The Programmes were successfully organized by a team of officials comprising of Dr. Indrani P. Bora, Dr. Kuntala N. Barua, Sri Girindra Thakuria, Dr Arundhati Baruah and Sri Niren Das of Shifting Cultivation Division of RFRI, Jorhat (Assam).

## Glimpses of the Programmes



**PRA and Technology transfer programme carried out in different areas of Assam and Meghalaya**



**Diliterang village (Bokajan Block) Karbi Anglong, Assam**



**Rongtara village (Rongmongwe Block) Karbi Anglong, Assam**



**Amlong village (Chinthong Block), Karbi Anglong, Assam**



**Khayasing Terang village,(Samelangso Block) Karbi Anglong, Assam**



**Donghap village (Samelangso block) Karbi Anglong**





**Nongkhrah Village, (Umling Block) Re Bhio District, Meghalaya**



**Market survey in Pynersula village Dawki, Meghalaya**