

## Educational Visit of Students under Assam Chief Minister's Gyanjyoti Programme

**Gyanjyoti** is Assam Chief Minister's flagship programme initiated in 2004. Under this Programme, large number of students of Class IX and X from various Government/Provincialized schools of Assam are selected to visit historically and geographically important places including industrial towns and important educational and research Institutions of Assam so as to impart knowledge and encouragement.

Like last couple years, RFRI, Jorhat also finds its place in the itinerary of the Programme which was conducted on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2014. A total of around two hundred and fifty students along with the supervising staff from three Districts of Assam viz. Golaghat, Kamrup (Metro) and Kamrup (Rural) visited RFRI.

At the outset, Sri R. K. Kalita, Head, Forestry Extension Division, RFRI, Jorhat welcomed all the Students and accompanying team of Teachers, Magistrates, Doctors and other security personnels to the Institute. He made a power presentation on RFRI including its mandates, research priorities, infrastructure, research facilities etc. Emphasis was given on the important role of bamboo on socioeconomic development of rural area and present demand of bamboo as raw material in the world market.

The students visited the Botanical Garden, Medicinal Plants Garden, Orchidarium, Bambusetum, Bamboo Composite Centre and other Research Divisions. The students amazed to see the endangered and endemic orchids conserved at Botanical Garden, Medicinal Plants Garden and Orchidarium. The students experienced different species of rattans and bamboos conserved by RFRI in its Canetum and Bambusetum respectively. The students visited the bamboo nursery. They were explained about recent techniques of bamboo propagation and nursery management practices. Students visited Bamboo Composite Centre where various machines used for bamboo handicraft sector were shown.

Officials of RFRI actively involved in this programme for its successful completion were Dr. Prosanta Hazarika, Sri Protul Hazarika, Sri Nilabh Chandra Das, Sri Niren Das, Sri Bhuban Kachari and Sri Rajarishi Bhattacharyya.

Entire programme was meticulously planned and coordinated by Sri R. K. Kalita, Head, Forestry Extension Division, RFRI, Jorhat.











