

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat organized a three day training programme on ‘Identification, Ecological Value of Butterflies and Potential of Butterflies Inclusive Ecotourism as a Source of Livelihood in North-Eastern India’ from 3-5 March’2014



Training on ‘Identification, Ecological Value of Butterflies and Potential of Butterflies Inclusive Ecotourism as a Source of Livelihood in North-Eastern India’ was conducted at RFRI, Jorhat from 3th-5th March, 2014. Eleven foresters including two Chief Wildlife Wardens from different North Eastern states participated and attended the training.

The training was organized as a part under the ICFRE project “Ecological studies on the distribution patterns and food plant resources of butterflies along altitudinal gradients in different forest ecosystems of eastern Himalayas” by the PI -Dr. Arun P.Singh, Head, Ecology & Biodiversity Division, RFRI, the organizer of the training programme who gave a brief idea about objectives of training during the inauguration.

The training programme included 4 lectures on *Importance, Identification, Habits, Sampling* and *concept of Butterfly Inclusive Ecotourism* across the globe and its potential in NE India, by Dr. Arun P.Singh, along with screening of short films.

A field trip to Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary, Assam was organized by the project team for on the spot identification and sampling of butterflies in the field. An exercise on *Identification, field data Compilation and Calculation of Diversity Indices* was later carried out in the lab.

Dr. Dhruva Jyoti Das, Scientist-C, also made a presentation on *Application of GIS in Studying the Distribution Patterns with Special Emphasis on Butterflies*.







