

## **Exposure Visit of M. Sc. Students of West Bengal State University, Kolkata**

A team of 17 M. Sc. (Botany) students from West Bengal State University, 24 Parganas (North), Kolkata under the guidance of Dr. A. K. Sarkar, Associate Professor and Head, Botany Department had an exposure visit to Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam) from 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.

On 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 Sri R. K. Kalita, Head, Forestry Extension Division, RFRI, Jorhat formally welcomed the Students and their Teacher to the Institute. He briefed the students about the research and development activities of RFRI through a power point presentation. It was followed by various technical sessions along with field visit and practical sessions.

Dr. N. Ravi gave a detailed presentation about the Tree Improvement activities of the Institute. Sri Kumud Bora delivered a presentation on bamboo which was followed by visit to various research and field facilities of the Institute. The Students visited RFRI Bambusetum and other facilities for bamboo development. Sri Debojit Neog demonstrated the identification of various bamboo species conserved at the Bambusetum. He also practically demonstrated the various propagation techniques of bamboo in the nursery. The students visited the Botanical Garden and collected required plant samples for their study.

The Students paid a day-long visit to Majuli River Island to study the floristic composition of the biggest River Island in the World.

The Students also visited Gibbon Wild Life Sanctuary and Kaziranga National Park and studied its unique ecosystems.

On 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 the Students participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> Tree Growers' Mela held at the Institute.

