

Visit of Regional Advisor, British Deputy High Commission, Kolkata to RFRI, Jorhat

Sri Anirban Roy, Regional Advisor, British Deputy High Commission, Kolkata visited Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam) on 30th September, 2015 and sensitized the Scientists of the Institute about various academic programmes of British High Commission. He informed about two most important programmes i.e. Research Council UK and Science & Innovation Network under which a large number of scholarships is being awarded to Indian students. Another organization about which also he provided information is UKIERI (UK India Education and Research Initiative). The UK India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI) started in April 2006 with the aim of enhancing educational links between India and the UK. In the last five years, UKIERI has played a pivotal role in establishing a step change in the educational relations between the two countries. In recognition of the substantial achievements and building on the success of this initiative, the programme has been extended for 5 years from 2011 to 2016.

Sri Roy also sensitized the Scientists and other research workers about Chevening Scholarships. Chevening Scholarships in India are awarded to outstanding emerging leaders to pursue a one-year Master's at any UK university. The scholarship programme provides a unique opportunity for future leaders, influencers, and decision-makers from all over the world to develop professionally and academically, network extensively, experience UK culture, and build lasting positive relationships with the UK.

He spoke in detail about timing and procedure of application for different scholarships. He appealed to all to keep in touch with British Deputy High Commission, Kolkata for future guidance.

