

RFRI Participates in Destination North East 2016 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi

Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) and Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, organized a three-day mega event called **Destination North East-2016** from 12-14 February, 2016 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi to showcase the inherent economic, social and cultural strength of North Eastern Region at the national level. The theme specific Business Summits consisting of sectors, like Tourism, Agriculture, Food Processing, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, IT, Handloom and Handicrafts, Livelihood, Micro Finance and Start-ups were held. The Destination North East-2016 had enabled various Central Ministries to showcase their initiatives in the North Eastern States of India. The event also had cultural programmes to showcase the rich culture and folk dances of North east India.

The mega event was inaugurated by Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for DoNER and Sri Kiren Rijiju, Minister of State for Home, Government of India on 12th February, 2016 at Shakuntalam Theatre of Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. Chief Minister of Meghalaya and Industries Minister of Manipur were also present apart from Secretaries of Ministry of DoNER and Ministry of Tourism.

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat represented the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India and the Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education in the mega event. A team consisting of Dr. R.S.C. Jayaraj, Sri R. K. Kalita, Dr. Gaurav Mishra, Sri D. K. Meena, Dr. N. Ravi, Sri N. C. Das and Sri Sankar Sarma meticulously planned and executed the task of showcasing the research and development activities of the Institute at the National Level event.

Various research and development activities of the Institute were displayed through good quality posters containing texts and high resolution photographs. Different themes were covered such as bamboos including skill development, agar-wood, lac, jhum management, community nursery, agroforestry, livelihood generation etc. Wide range of bamboo products made by RFRI artisans were displayed as well as sold to the public.

Lots of academic as well business enquires were entertained. Most of the queries were explained to the satisfaction of the public. People from different walks of life visited RFRI stall. Many people were surprised to see various products made from bamboo.

Prominent visitors were Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for Development of North-Eastern Region (DoNER), Dr. Anil Kumar, IFS, ADGF, MoEF&CC, Dr. Suneesh Buxy, IFS, DIG(RT), MoEF&CC, Dr. Umakant, IFS, Resident Commissioner, Govt. of Mizoram, Dr. Pranati Gogoi Hazarika, ACS, Dy. Resident Commissioner, Govt. of Assam, Sri Anirban Bhagawati, Chief Engineer (Technical), Oil India Limited, Sri H. K. Jaggi, General Manager, NFR Railway, Guwahati etc among others.



Inaugural Session



Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for Development of North-Eastern Region (DoNER) visiting RFRI Stall



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