

EXPOSURE VISIT OF STUDENTS AND FACULTY FROM TISS, GUWAHATI

A team of 16 students with their faculty from Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Guwahati visited RFRI, Jorhat from 26th to 29th October, 2016. Dr. R. S. C. Jayaraj, Director, RFRI, Jorhat welcomed the students and the faculty. In his welcome presentation, he emphasized on holistic education with synthesis of science and humanities. Interaction with students of Social Sciences background will help the Institute to orient its research with social perspectives. The visiting students and faculty interacted with scientists and other researchers. Few research projects which have social interface were specially discussed. Mr. Ajay Kumar had a detailed discussion on ecosystem services and its methods of computing. Mr. Rajesh Kumar, Scientist-D discussed on cultivation of wild Mushrooms and its utility in livelihood and food security. Dr. S. C. Biswas, Scientist-C interacted on use of forest fruits by community. He also sensitized the students on use of certain plant species as sticky material in *Agarbatti* industries. Sri R. K. Kalita Scientist-E gave a detailed presentation on Bamboo Value Chain. Dr. T. N. Manohara, Scientist-C discussed on medicinal plants found in NE. He sensitized the students about Noni (*Morinda citrifolia*).

The students visited Gibbon WLS and RFRI Demo village. They gained firsthand information on vermicomposting. The students also visited Agricultural Information Technology Centre, Fishery Research Centre and Animal Production Unit of Assam Agricultural University. Dr. Bibha Chetia Borah, Principal Scientist, Fishery Research Center explained the students about various research & development activities of Fishery Unit. Dr. Ranjit Saud, Principal Scientist welcomed the students to AAU and informed the students about the commendable role played by the university in social sector for last 5 decades.

The students also visited various research and development facility of RFRI such as Bamboo nursery, Germplasm collection, Bambusetum, BCC and Lac cultivation etc.

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