

## Training of Trainee Assistant Conservator of Forests from CASFOS, Burnihat, Assam

**Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam)** conducted a residential training for 31 Trainee Assistant Conservator of Forests from CASFOS, Burnihat (Assam) from 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2017. The Trainees were led by Mr. C.A. Rahman, IFS, Lecturer, CASFOS, Burnihat. In the introductory session held on 24th August, 2017 the Director of the Institute, Dr. R. S. C. Jayaraj formally welcomed the Trainees and gave a presentation on Introduction to Silviculture: Definition, scope and basis of rational Silviculture practices.

Shri R. K. Kalita, Scientist E & Head, Forestry Extension Division explained the training schedule to the trainees and delivered a presentation on different research and development activities the Institute. He also gave a presentation on Bamboo Propagation, Nursery and Cultivation.

The trainees visited Bamboo Nursery where they were explained about different propagation techniques of bamboo by Shri Kumud Bora. They also visited RFRI Bambusetum. They were explained about various identifying characters of bamboo by Sri Debojit Neog. They visited Bamboo Composite Centre and witnessed various value addition activities of bamboo. Different methods of Bamboo preservation treatments were demonstrated to the trainees by Shri R. K. Kalita.

Md. Ibrahim., Scientist taught the theory and practical aspects of Plus Tree Selection. The trainees were also taught different vegetative propagation methods such as cuttings, budding, layering, grafting etc. Mrs. Bebija L. and Shri Prasanta Saikia interacted with the Trainees on Theory & Practice aspects of Seed Technology.

The Trainees visited Hollongapar Gibbon Sanctuary and also the RFRI Botanical Garden. Shri Protul Hazarika guided the Trainees to the Orchidarium and Canetum of Botanical Garden. The Trainees also appeared in written examination of 50 marks which was conducted by Shri R. K. Kalita.

Entire training was meticulously planned and executed by Shri R. K. Kalita with active cooperation from Shri Bibhuti Deka, Shri Nilabh Ch. Das and Shri Sankar Sarma.

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