

Deputy Chief Minister Arunachal Pradesh visits RFRI, Jorhat

Mr. Chowna Mein, Deputy Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh visited Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam) on 11th September, 2017 along with three Scientists from the State namely Shri Egam Basar, Scientist-III & Head, State Horticulture Research & Development Institute, Itanagar; Dr. D. Yonggam, Scientist, Medicinal Plant Board and Dr. O. Apang, Scientist, SFRI, Itanagar.

Dr. R. S. C. Jayaraj, Director, RFRI, Jorhat welcomed the Hon'ble Minister and other guests with traditional *phulam Gamosa*. All scientists and officers of RFRI, Jorhat were present on the occasion. The main objective of the visit of the Hon'ble Minister was to explore the avenues of cooperation with RFRI for over-all development of Arunachal Pradesh and collaboration in the Arunachal Pradesh Bio-resources Development Mission.

Shri Egam Basar made a power point presentation on various projects of Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh and highlighted various issues on which detailed discussion took place later on. Dr. R. S. C. Jayaraj also made a presentation on Research and Extension activities related to bio-resources and their utilization for the development of Arunachal Pradesh. He flagged many areas where RFRI would work in future. He highlighted different R & D aspects of bamboo such as nursery management, plantation, preservation treatment and handicraft for benefit of the people. Other areas where RFRI may work were Agar nursery, plantation and artificial inoculation for agar for oil production. Cultivation and processing of Lac, Cultivation and value addition of Broom grass, cultivation of wild edible Mushroom, Vermicomposting are some areas where RFRI agreed to work for Arunachal Pradesh.

The Hon'ble Minister appreciated the work of RFRI, Jorhat and sought the cooperation of RFRI in the sustainable development of Arunachal Pradesh. He announced that there will be a Memorandum of Understanding between RFRI and State Horticulture Research & Development Institute, Itanagar. He told that research and development must go hand in hand. He pointed out that the benefits of all ASEAN countries must reach to all NE states. He told that Arunachal Pradesh is full of natural resources and it is our duty to transform these natural resources in to economic resources through modern technologies. He mentioned the advancement made by Thailand in this area, especially through the Royal Project Foundation, and suggested that such good example should be emulated as the natural resources in Northeast India are similar.

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