

### **Training of Trainee Foresters (13<sup>th</sup> Batch) from Assam Forest School, Jalukbari, Guwahati (ASSAM)**

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam) organized a training programme for visiting Trainees from Assam Forest School, Jalukbari, Guwahati (Assam) from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2017. The training programme was a part of their Educational Trip to Eastern Assam and led by Shri B. Nath, Instructor of Assam Forest School, Jalukbari, Guwahati.

During these four days training programme, the trainees were exposed to different theory as well as practical sessions at RFRI. Shri R. K. Kalita, Training Coordinator briefed the trainees about various research and developmental activities of the Institute. He delivered a detailed presentation on propagation, nursery management, cultivation and value addition of bamboo. Hands-on training was given to the trainees on bamboo propagation methods, cutting, budding, grafting, nursery management. The trainees visited RFRI bambusetum and Bamboo Composite Centre. They were taught about the various bamboo preservation treatment techniques.

Shri Prasanta Saikia delivered presentation on theory as well practical aspects of seed technology. Shri R. Bhattacharyya demonstrated vermicomposting techniques to the trainees. Dr. R. K. Borah taught about Agar trees and its economic uses. The trainees also visited the RFRI Botanical Garden. Shri Protul Hazarika guided the trainees to the Botanical Garden. Dr. P. Hazarika detailed about biofertilizer and its application in forestry. The trainees also visited the Hollongapar Gibbon Sanctuary.

On the last day of the Training programme, Director of the Institute, Dr. R. S. C. Jayaraj addressed the trainees. Ms. Deepika Choudhury, Director, Assam Forest School, Jalukbari was also present.



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