



RFRI CELEBRATED EARTH DAY AT JORHAT

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam) celebrated 'Earth Day' at Podumoni Maj Gaon on 22 April, 2022 in association with an NGO of Jorhat, *Dokmokali*. It was attended by around hundred villagers including senior citizens, women, students, children of that locality. Various events were conducted on the occasion. Dr. R. S. C. Jayaraj, Director, RFRI was the Chief Guest in the public meeting. In his speech, Dr. Jayaraj compared the few inches of soil-cover of the planet with our skin and the various plants are like our cloths that we wear. He appealed all to protect this precious skin of the planet without which all life forms will be in danger.

Local Bee entrepreneur, Shri Paresh Kalita explained about the benefits of Bee keeping. He told that bees not only help people to earn livelihood but also increase production of various crops.

Dr. R. K. Borah, Scientist of RFRI sensitized the people on the occasion. He explained different activities of the Institute and appealed to the people to get benefit from the Institute.

Shri Kirti Bordoloi, Director of Dokmokali spoke about the aims and objectives of the NGO. He sought the help from the villagers in its endeavour to empower the people economically.

Shri R. K. Kalita, Scientist, RFRI delivered a power point presentation on 'Forest Based Self Employment Opportunities'. He illustrated various research and developments activities of RFRI and asked the pole to take advantage of it. He spoke about various livelihood opportunities on bamboo such as bamboo nursery and plantation, bamboo charcoal, bamboo shoot processing and value addition, bamboo handicrafts etc. He also sensitized people on Agarwood, Lac, Broom grass, vermicomposting etc.

A plantation programme was conducted in the village. Saplings of various fruit tree species were distributed among villagers so that they can plant these saplings in their respective residential premises.









