

## ICFRE-RFRI, JORHAT CONDUCTS TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR INDIAN FOREST SERVICE OFFICERS

**ICFRE-Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam)** conducted 3-day Training Workshop on ‘Role of Forestry in Sustainable Development of People’ for IFS Officers during 10-12 January, 2023, sponsored by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India. Twenty one Officers from 12 states participated in the Training. Shri Hitendra Nath Goswami, Hon'ble MLA, Jorhat inaugurated the Training as Chief Guest. Inauguration of the training programme started with felicitation Chief Guests and Participating Officers with traditional *Phulam Gamosa* to all the. Dr. R. K. Borah, Director of the Institute delivered welcome address. The Chief Guest, Shri Hitendra Nath Goswami, Hon'ble MLA, Jorhat delivered his inaugural speech and narrated how Indian civilization and culture is rooted to the core of nature and transformative changes of India in climate change and sustainable development. He appealed to the participating Officers to work hard for all round development of the society, particularly to take care of forest fringe villages. He stated that importance should be given for conservation and development of the forest resources.

There were altogether eight Technical Sessions held during the Training Workshop along with one Field Visit to Kaziranga Orchid & Biodiversity Park and Kaziranga National Park. Eminent Resource Persons delivered these presentations which were followed by healthy interactions.

### TECHNICAL SESSIONS:

Dr. R. K Borah, Director, ICFRE-RFRI, presented on “*Aquilaria malaccensis*, the most important aromatic plant of North East India for livelihood generation” where he described about *Aquilaria malaccensis*, its species diversity, distribution, External symptoms for identification of Agarwood formation in homestead natural plantation, trade of Agarwood etc.

Dr. DhruPAD Choudhury, Rtd. Scientist from ICIMOD delivered an informative presentation on ‘Managing Transformations in Shifting Cultivation: Harnessing *Jhum* Fallows for Livelihood and Climate Mitigation’. He flagged the various issues related with the management of shifting cultivation and its acceptance as economically unviable, cause of tropical deforestation and environmental degradation. He also stated on role of shifting cultivation on livelihood and climate mitigation.

Shri R. K. Kalita, Head, Extension Division, ICFRE-RFRI delivered an illustrative presentation on ‘Bamboo: An Opportunity for Livelihood Generation’ and discussed various issues related to bamboo sector. He also sensitized the participants on multifarious applications of bamboo.

Dr. B.K. Singh, Rtd. Director, CMERTI, Jorhat (Assam) presented excellent presentation on ‘Sustainable Rural Livelihood through Utilization of *Vanya* Silk Diversity in North East India’. He touched upon *Vanya* Silk Resources of N.E. India, Status of Raw silk production in North East India, *Vanya* Silk as source of livelihood & employment generation, *Vanya* Silk-source of Sustainable Livelihood in Nagaland, Diversity of Sericigenous insects & host plants of N.E. States etc.

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Dr. Bhabesh Gogoi, Assistant Professor, AAU, Jorhat (Assam) presented on ‘Socio-economic development & environmental sustainability through Agroforestry’. He expressed his thoughts on Agroforestry, Choice species, Benefits of Agroforestry, Types of Agroforestry, Some examples of Agroforestry etc.

Dr. Abhinandan Saikia, Assistant Professor, TISS, Guwahati (Assam) delivered a thought provoking presentation on ‘Forestry through community innovation: Imprints and Interactions of Socio-Ecological space in Northeast India’.

Shri Jatindra Sarma, IFS, Field Director, KNP&TR delivered presentation on ‘Potential Medicinal Plants for Agroforestry in NE States’. He described about the Global Ayurvedic Market, Importance & Scope of Plants and Classification in Assam, Dye yielding and NTFP (Trees/ Herbs), Major Traded Plant Species in NE Region etc.

### **FIELD VISIT:**

As a part of the training, the Participants visited Kaziranga Orchid & Biodiversity and Kaziranga National Park on 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2023. The Officers mesmerized to see the huge collections of Orchids. In Assam National Museum, they were able to see various rare collections of bamboo products, live demonstration of weaving practices. They also enjoyed live performances of Bihu, Karbi Dances and other folk dances.

The DFO, Kaziranga National Park, Shri R. C. Gogoi delivered a brief presentation on Park. The Participating Officers interacted with the different Park Officials. They appreciated the conservation approach of the Park authority. They also congratulated the entire Assam Forest Department for its effort for which there was no single poaching incident of Rhino during 2022. The Participant also had the taste of Assamese Ethnic cuisine. They had the Jeep Safari at the Park and enjoyed the vibrant Kaziranga.

### **VALEDICTORY SESSION:**

Valedictory Session of the Training Workshop was held in the afternoon of 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2023. Shri Awani Kumar, IFS, PCCF (Rtd.), Uttar Pradesh was the Chief Guest. All the Participants shared their experiences and unanimously appreciated the overall training programme and its management. They appreciated the meticulous planning and personal interest given by the Course Director and his team. The choice of Resource Persons was found to be excellent. Accommodation, food, transportation, Field Trip and overall hospitality were well appreciated.

Certificates were presented to the Participating Officers at the Valedictory Session.

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## GLIMPSES OF THE TRAINING WORKSHOP INAUGURAL SESSION



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## TECHNICAL SESSIONS



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BAMBUSETUM OF RAIN FOREST  
RESEARCH INSTITUTE  
JORHAT, ASSAM  
YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT-2002  
AREA -1HA  
NO OF SPECIES : 62

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## **FIELD VISIT TO KAZIRANGA ORCHID & BIODIVERSITY PARK AND KNP**



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Max 29°C  
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Bamboo, Agar, Medicinal Plants, Agroforestry, Shifting Cultivation, etc. by eminent resource persons. As a part of the training, the Participants visited Kaziranga Biodiversity and Orchid and Kaziranga National Park. The Officers were mesmerized to see the huge collections of Orchids. At Assam National Museum, they were able to see various rare collections of bamboo products, and live demonstrations of weaving practices. They

also enjoyed live performances of Bihu, Karbi Dances, and other folk dances. The DFO, Kaziranga National Park, Shri R. C. Gogoi delivered a brief presentation on Park. The Participating Officers interacted with the different Park Officials. They appreciated the conservation approach of the Park authority. They also congratulated the entire Assam Forest Department for its effort for which there was no single poaching incident of Rhino

during 2022. The Participant also had a taste of Assamese Ethnic cuisine. They had the Jeep Safari at the Park and enjoyed the vibrant Kaziranga. Senior Scientist of the Institute, R. K. Kalita, Course Director of the Training Workshop meticulously planned and conducted the program. The Valedictory Session was chaired by Sri Awani Kumar, Retired PCCF, Uttar Pradesh. Certificates were distributed to the participant at the Valedictory Session. CNS

