

RFRI ORGANIZED INCEPTION MEETING OF NTPC PROJECT

An inception meeting cum workshop on project "**Monitoring of NTPC Ltd. Accelerated Afforestation Programme of plantation of 10 million trees in seven different states**" was organized by Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat at the conference hall of Aranya Bhawan, Guwahati from 2.00 pm on 5th May, 2017. At the outset, Sh. R. K. Kalita, Sci. E, RFRI, Jorhat welcomed all the participants to the Meeting.

The Meeting was chaired by Dr. A. K. Johari, PCCF, Assam and attended by Dr. Amit Sahai, Adl. PCCF (E & A), Assam along with other Senior Officers of the Assam Forest Department, Scientists of RFRI, Jorhat, DFOs and their team of Project areas and representative of funding agency.

Sri R. K. Kalita delivered a detailed presentation on the Project and its various activities including scope and objectives of the project, methodology for data collection (sampling intensity, no. of plots and their nature, whether permanent or random) etc. He also stated that reconnaissance survey will be done in all the land parcels by the end of May, 2017 or early June, 2017 and requested forest department officials to provide the complete information in plantation register.

Mr. Deepak Nath, DGM, NTPC Ltd. gave a presentation on the monitoring work done in other parts of India. He discussed about the utility of GAGAN based navigation system in this project. He also elaborated how the monitoring work in the field is uploaded in the NTPC application.

Sri Debasish Chakraborty, AFS, Forest Range Officer, Cachar gave a illustrative presentation on the plantation work done in the Cachar district under the project.

The concerned DFOs informed that about 60-65% plantation work had already been completed. Fencing and rest of the work is going to be complete by the end of May-June, 2017. Dr. Sahai who is also the State Nodal Officer of the Project instructed the concerned Officers responsible for implementation of the Project for proper maintenance of the Plantation registers. He also requested them to extend all possible help and cooperation during the visit of the RFRI Officials for monitoring.

At the end Sri R. K. Kalita presented the formal vote of thanks to all the participants.

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