

## RFRI conducts Training for Forest Range Officer Trainees

RFRI conducted a training programme for Trainee Forest Range Officers of 2016-18 batch from Central Academy of Forest Education, Kurseong, Darjeeling, West Bengal from 2<sup>nd</sup> January to 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2017. There were 37 trainees who were led by Mr. C. A. Rahman, Lecturer, CASFOS, Burnihat.

Dr. R. K. Borah, Director (i/c), RFRI, Jorhat welcomed the Trainees and expressed his New Year greetings. He told that the entire training programme was planned to meet the requirements of the trainees so that they can deliver the knowledge for better services to the forestry sector.

Shri R. K. Kalita, Training Coordinator, RFRI gave detailed presentation on RFRI and also explained the training schedule to the Trainees. He gave an elaborate presentation on Propagation, Nursery Management, Commercial Cultivation and Value addition of Bamboos. Practicals on Nursery Techniques of Bamboo were by conducted by Shri Kumud Borah and Shri Debojit Neog. The Trainees visited RFRI Bambusetum where they were apprised about the various identifying characters of bamboo by Shri Debojit Neog.

Shri R. K. Kalita delivered another presentation on Principles of Nursery Management. Dr. S. Pandey delivered a presentation on Integrated Management of Diseases of Forestry Importance. Practical session on vegetative propagation methods such as cuttings, layering, grafting etc. was conducted by Shri Kumud Bora and Shri Pabitra Saikia.

Dr. D. J. Das delivered a presentation on Introduction to GIS and its application in forestry. Mrs. Bebija L. and Shri Prasanta Saikia dwelt on Seed Technology: Theory & Practice. They also conducted practical session on Seed Technology.

Dr. Bijon Dutta, Professor of Assam Agriculture University, Jorhat was invited as Guest Faculty to deliver presentation on Management of Insect problems in Forestry. He very lucidly explained various principles and practices on insect management in forestry. He also taught rodent control.

Dr. K. N. Baruah delivered a lecture on importance of orchids and its conservation. Dr. Prasanta Hazarika and Shri R. Bhattacharyya conducted theory as well as practical session on biofertilizers & vermicomposting.

The Trainees also visited Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary.

On the last day the training programme, a mandatory written examination was conducted.

Valedictory Session was organized on the last day and it was chaired by Sri R. K. Kalita, Training Coordinator. Scientists, Officers, Resource Persons, Staffs were present. The Trainees expressed their views and experience gained during the training programme in the Session. They thanked all the Resource Persons for their valuable inputs and other Scientists, Officers and all supporting Staffs for their help and cooperation during the training programme.

Entire training was planned and executed by Sri R. K. Kalita, Training Coordinator and assisted by Sri Bibhuti Deka, Sri Nilabh Ch. Das & Sri Sankar Sarma.



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