## RFRI, JORHAT ORGANIZES TECHNICAL WORKSHOP ON QUALITY PLANTING MATERIAL

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At the outset, Dr. R. K. Borah welcomed the participants and invited speakers and spoke about the importance of quality planting material in the areas of plantation management. There were ten resource persons who spoke on various aspects of production and application of quality planting material.

Dr. Ghosh delivered the first technical presentation on New Frontiers of Agroforestry, Wood Based Industries and Tree Outside Forests rules in Assam. She highlighted various initiatives undertaken by Government of Assam in the field of Agroforestry. Other resource persons were Dr. A. Babu, Director, Tocklai Tea Research Institute, Jorhat; Dr. K. K. Sharma, Chief Agronomist (Rtd), AAU, Jorhat; Dr. Tarun Kant, Scientist G, AFRI, Jodhpur, Rajasthan; Dr. Bhabesh Gogoi, Scientist, AAU, Jorhat; Matiur Rahman, DFO, SF, Karimganj; Scientists from the Institute, Dr. R. K. Borah, Dr. Satyam Bordoloi, Dr. Vishwanath Sharma, Dr. M. K. Singh; Dr. Karma G. Bhutia who covered various topics such as Agroforestry scenario in Assam, Scientific utilization of tea garden areas for parallel cropping with trees, Concept of Quality Planting Materials and its significance, Basic concept of seed technology in relation to QPM, Research activities of RFRI with regards to Quality Planting Materials, Recent advances in Quality Planting Materials, Nutrient management practice for QPM etc. It is expected that recommendations of the Workshop will pave the path for wood based revolution in Assam and also strengthen the ongoing efforts of Assam Government in the field of Agroforestry and Trees Outside Forests (TOF) to a great extent. Certificates were presented to the participants at the end

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#### GLIMPSES OF THE TECHNICAL WORKSHOP



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