## Assam PCCF (WL) Visits RFRI, Jorhat

Sri R. P. Agarwalla, IFS, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Department of Forests & Environment, Government of Assam visited Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat on 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2015 along with Dr. Ranjita Bania, a Consultant. Sri R. K. Kalita, Head, Forestry Extension Division, RFRI welcomed the Guests and briefed them about various research and development activities of the Institute. Dr. R. K. Borah, Group Coordinator (Research); Dr. D. J. Das, Scientist, Sri Ajay Kumar, Scientist; Sri H. N. Dhungana, Scientist and Dr. Kuntala N. Barua, Research Officer had held in-depth discussion on various research related topics. Sri Agarwalla put emphasis on collaborative work on few areas such as wetland conservation, Orchid identification, propagation and management at Dibru-Saikhowa, Orchid based ecotourism, bamboo handicraft for livelihood generation etc.

The Guests visited RFRI Orchidarium and witnessed the efforts of Scientists of the Institute. Dr. Kuntala N. Barua apprised the Guests about various orchid collection and conservation activities of the Institute. Sri Agarwalla highly appreciated the efforts of Scientists and other research workers in this regard.

Sri Agarwalla visited Bamboo Composite Center. Sri R. K. Kalita apprised the Guests about various training and bamboo product development activities of the Center. The Guests were showed various bamboo products such as Sofa Set, Bed, Alnar, Cloth Hangers, Chairs, Laminated products etc and also various machines used in bamboo product development.

Sri Agarwalla also visited few other facilities of the Institute such as Auditorium, Scientists' Hostel, Library, IT Cell etc and interacted with respective officials.

## Glimpses of Visit of the PCCF(WL)















