## Educational Visit of Students under Assam Chief Minister's Gyanjyoti Programme

GYANJYOTI, one of the flagship programmes of Assam Chief Minister initiated in 2004, under which a large number of students of Class IX and X from various Government/ Provincialized schools of Assam are selected to visit historically and geographically important places including industrial towns and important educational and research Institutions of Assam so as to impart knowledge and encouragement.

About four hundred students along with their supervising staff from four Districts of Assam viz. Dibrugarh, Sonitpur, Golaghat and Lakhimpur visited RFRI on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2016. Sri R. K. Kalita, Head, Forestry Extension Division, RFRI, Jorhat welcomed the Students and accompanying team of Teachers, Executive Magistrates, Doctors and other security personnel to the Institute. He briefed the students about RFRI including its mandate, research priorities, infrastructure, research facilities, etc. Emphasis was given on the important role of bamboo on socioeconomic development of rural area and present demand of bamboo as raw material in the world market.

The students visited the Botanical Garden, Bambusetum, Bamboo Composite Centre and Tissue Culture Lab. The students experienced different species bamboos conserved by RFRI in its Bambusetum. The students visited the bamboo nursery where they were explained about recent techniques of bamboo propagation and nursery management. Students visited Bamboo Composite Centre where various machines used for bamboo handicraft sector were shown. Officials of RFRI actively involved in this programme for its successful completion were Dr. Prosanta Hazarika, Sri Nilabh Chandra Das, and Sri Niren Das.

Entire programme was meticulously planned and coordinated by Sri R. K. Kalita, Head, Forestry Extension Division, RFRI, Jorhat.















































