#### **RFRI CELEBRATES WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY-2020**

**Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat** celebrated World Environment Day-2020 at its Campus with various programmes. A plantation programme with ornamental bamboo was organized at RFRI Campus. It was inaugurated by Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha).

While welcoming the Chief Guest and other officials of the Institute, Dr. R. S. C. Jayaraj, Director spoke about the importance of celebration of this important Day. Hon'ble Member of Parliament also inaugurated a 'Mushroom Production Unit' at RFRI Campus. Inaugurating this Unit, he stressed on the need of imparting intensive training to the unemployed youth who became jobless due to COVID-19 pandemic. Later on, Shri Tasa released three publications of RFRI, namely 'Mushrooms of Meghalaya', Inoculation Techniques of Agar Tree (in Assamese) and *Mikania* Case Study.

Addressing the gathering in the Conference Hall of the Institute, Shri Tasa expressed his anguish on the dwindling forest situation. He stressed on the need of transferring the findings of research of RFRI to the field so that common people get benefitted. He also mentioned about joblessness of thousands of people due to COVID-19 pandemic and suggested that RFRI must play a bigger role to impart skill trainings on many areas such as bamboo, agar, lac, cultivation of edible mushroom, vermicomposting etc., tom improve the livelihoods of those people.

Shri R. K. Kalita, Head, Extension Division of the Institute conducted the entire programme. Strict COVID-19 guidelines were followed during the celebration of various programmes.

#### **GLIMPSES OF THE PROGRAMME**















