

## Visit of Vice Chancellor, Teachers & Students of Assam Rajiv Gandhi University of Cooperative Management, Sivasagar (Assam)

The **Assam Rajiv Gandhi University of Cooperative Management**, Sivasagar (Assam) is a residential University established by Government of Assam through a University Bill passed by Assam State Assembly in July, 2010 to initiate, strengthen and sustain the cooperative movement, collective action and organizations that develop and sustain the society at large. The main objectives of this University are as follows:

1. To provide instructions, teaching and training in higher education in Co-operative and allied subjects and make provisions for research, advancement and dissemination of knowledge
2. To create higher level of intellectuals, teachers, managers and professionals in the field of Co-operative and allied sectors
3. To establish state of the art facilities for Co-operative education and training
4. To carry out teaching and research and offer counselling and continuous education programme in the field of Cooperative education and allied sectors
5. To create centre of Excellence for research and education and for sharing knowledge and its application in the development of Co-operative movement and allied sectors
6. To institute degrees, diploma, certificates and other academic distinctions on the basis of examination, or any such other method as may be prescribed in the Statutes
7. To pursue any other objectives as may be approved by the authority of the University
8. To establish off campus centre by the Authority of the University
9. To participate in and contribute to the formulation of policy for Co-operatives
10. To collaborate with other institution in India and abroad in furtherance of its objectives
11. To provide consultancy to State Government, Central Government or any institute or organization.
12. To build database and case studies of successful Cooperative movements the world over and to promote interactions with the stakeholders of successful Cooperative movements.

RFRI, Jorhat has taken up a collaborative programme with this University on human resource development. Initially, following Scientists delivered presentations on various aspects ranging from basic forestry to climate change at its premises in Sivasagar.

Overview of Forest & Forestry Management, Forest Conservation Act and Policy	R. K. Kalita
Bamboo Operation Management	T. C. Bhuyan
International Conventions on Forest and Environment	R. K. Kalita
Climate Change-an overview	Ajay Kumar
Environmental Impact Assessment	Arun P. Singh
Environmental Problems, their causes and their sustainability	Krishna Giri
Agar-wood as livelihood option	R. K. Borah
Forest Based Entrepreneurship Development	T. C. Bhuyan

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Thirty students under the leadership of its Vice Chancellor, Dr. Rafiquz Zaman, IAS (Rtd.) visited RFRI on 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 as part of their exposure visit. The students were exposed to various research and development activities of the Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam).

At the outset, Sri R. K. Kalita, Head, Forestry Extension Division welcomed the Vice Chancellor, other academic staffs and students. The Vice Chancellor was greeted traditionally by a *Phulam Gamosa* by Dr. T. C. Bhuyan. A brief presentation was made by Sri R. K. Kalita of various R&D activities of RFRI, Jorhat. In-depth discussions were held on various issues related forestry which has immense potential on development of cooperative section.

Elaborate arrangements were made for visit of Bamboo Composite Center, Bamboo Nursery, Bamboo Germplasm and Bambusetum of RFRI. The students were explained about bamboo handicrafts, demonstrated the bamboo machines, bamboo preservation techniques. The students took keen interests on various areas of research such as Lac producing insects, bamboo nursery, cane etc.

Dr. R. K. Borah sensitised the students on agar-wood as livelihood options. Dr. T. C. Bhuyan delivered a very impressive presentation on forest based entrepreneurship development with special reference to Bamboo.

While giving the concluding remarks at the end of the day's programme, the Vice Chancellor put emphasis on various areas where RFRI and AGRUCOM can work in future for benefit of the society.

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