Exposure Visit of Composite Group of Personnels from Manipur

A team of 47 members consisting of Officers of Wildlife Wing of Forest Department of Manipur, Honorary Wildlife Wardens, Wildlife Activists, Media Persons and members of Civil Societies visited Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam) on 23rd January, 2015 to study various research and development activities of the Institute.

The team was led by Sri D. J. N. Anand, IFS, Special Secretary, Government of Manipur. The team included Conservator of Forests, Divisional Forest Officers, Editors and Reporters of leading Newspapers of Manipur, Chief Editors of few electronic Media Houses, Members of Development Councils, Members of Students Bodies, Members of Tribal Councils, Wildlife/Environment Activists and Members of leading NGOs.

Sri R. K. Kalita, Head, Forestry Extension Division, RFRI, Jorhat formally welcomed the team to the Institute. He delivered a detailed presentation on research and development activities of the Institute through a PowerPoint presentation. It was followed by visit to Bambusetum, Bamboo Composite Center, Bamboo Nursery and Germplasm Collection. The different nursery techniques were demonstrated to the team in the nursery such as preparation of cuttings (culm cuttings and branch cuttings), preparation of IBA solutions and its applications, treatment with Bavistin solutions, nursery bed preparation, planting techniques, macro-proliferation techniques etc.

The team visited the Bamboo Composite Center and appreciated the efforts of the Institute on product diversification and value addition of bamboo.

Sri D. Gurung apprised the team about the lac cultivation and about its importance in poverty alleviation in rural areas. The team took keen interest in lac cultivation and its economic benefits.

The exposure visit programme was planned and conducted by Sri R. K. Kalita, Head, Forestry Extension Division, RFRI, Jorhat