

EXPOSURE VISIT OF FRONTLINE STAFF OF SOCIAL FORESTRY DIVISION OF BARPETA (ASSAM)

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam) conducted an exposure visit of 21 Frontline Staff of Social Forestry Division of Barpeta (Assam) during 20th and 21st December, 2018. Shri R. K. Kalita, Head, Extension Division, RFRI, Jorhat welcomed the participants. He delivered a detailed presentation on bamboo propagation techniques, nursery and plantation management practices, utilization and value addition. He explained the livelihood potential of bamboo for better economic growth of people.

Dr. R. D. Borthakur, ACTO, delivered a presentation on bamboo preservation treatments and explained about different preservation methods, role of biotic agents in bamboo deterioration, environmental factors influencing in degradation. He demonstrated the different preservation methods and guided the participants during the visit to Bamboo Composite Centre.

The participants visited RFRI Bambusetum, Germplasm Collection and Bamboo Nursery. Shri Debojit Neog, T.O., guided the participants to Bambusetum and Germplasm Collection. Mrs. E. D. Borah, ACTO, demonstrated different bamboo propagation techniques.

Dr. R. K. Borah, Scientist F, delivered a presentation on Agarwood. He explained the cultivation and management practices, commercial importance, natural infection and the artificial inoculation techniques of Agar tree. Dr. Borah also had given hands-on demonstration on artificial inoculation of Agarwood to the participants.

Dr. N. D. Borthakur, Scientist C, delivered detailed presentation on Lac cultivation and processing. She explained about the cultivation practices of *Flemingia semialata*, host plant of Lac insect, identification of matured Lac and processing techniques of Lac.

Dr. D. J. Das, Scientist E, delivered a presentation on the operating system, importance and uses of GPS. Shri Abhijit Medhi, T. O., gave practical demonstration on handling of GPS.

Dr. R. S. C. Jayaraj, Director, RFRI had a brief interaction with the participants. Shri G. N. Adhikari, Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry Division of Barpeta (Assam) also participated in the Exposure Visit.

The participants visited Hollongapar Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary.

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