## **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 five hundred students along with their supervising staff from five Districts of Assam, viz. Barpeta, South Salmora, Hailakandi, Goalpara and Bongaigaon visited RFRI on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2019. Sri R. K. Kalita, Head, 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, Entomology Laboratory, Tissue Culture Laboratory, etc. 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 Shri Satyam Bordoloi, Shri Prasanta Saikia, Mr. Jimi Borah, Shri Bibhuti Deka, Shri Debojit Saikia, Shri Anurag Goswami, Dr. Girish Gogoi, Shri Arabinda Deka, Ms. Bithi Baruah, Shri Ankur Jyoti Saikia, Shri Pratim Phukan, Ms Shatabdi Hazarika and Dr. D. Dutta

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

## GLIMPSES OF THE GYANJYOTI PROGRAMME







