

CO-VICE CHAIRMAN OF STATE INNOVATION AND
TRANSFORMATION AAYOG, ASSAM VISITS RFRI,
JORHAT

Shri Ramen Deka, Hon'ble Co-Vice Chairman of State Innovation and Transformation Aayog, Assam visited Jorhat based Rain Forest Research Institute on 16th September, 2021 along with Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, Assam. Dr. R. S. C. Jayaraj, Director of the Institute welcomed the dignitaries with traditional *Gamosa*. Shri R. K. Kalita, Senior Scientist of the Institute conducted the programme where Dr. Jayaraj made a detailed presentation on various research and development activities of the Institute. He highlighted the flagship programmes of the Institute such as Bamboo and Agarwood. He told that Bamboo and Agarwood have tremendous potential to transform the rural economy of Assam.

Shri Deka interacted with Scientists, Officers and other research workers. He appealed to RFRI to work for overall development of the state. He emphasized that fruits of research must reach to the people so that their economy is boosted up. He emphasized that RFRI needs to work holistically in at least one Aspirational District of Assam. He also appealed to select two villages where all interventions can be implemented for overall growth so that these villages may be shown as model villages. He asked RFRI to prepare certain projects on forest and environment and submit to Assam Government for its funding. Shri Deka also released a bi-lingual magazine '*Varsharanyam*'.

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa, Hon'ble Member of Parliament also spoke on the occasion. Both the dignitaries visited Bamboo Nurseries, Bambusetum, Bamboo Composite Centre, Bamboo Shoot Processing Unit, Tissue Culture Laboratory, Bamboo Charcoal Production Unit, *Banh Bithika* etc. Both the dignitaries appreciated the effort of the Institute in the field of forestry research and development.

GLIMPSES OF THE PROGRAMME



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