

VISIT OF OFFICIALS OF FORTUM, FINLAND

A team of officials comprising of Mr. Arto Raty, Executive Vice-President, Fortum, Ms. Ulla Rehall, Head, Sustainability, Fortum, Mr. Awdesh Jha and Mr. Faizur Rahman, Fortum India visited Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam) on 18th April, 2018 along with Sri Rajib Changkakati, Chief Manager, Bio Refinery, Numaligarh Refinery Limited, Golaghat, Assam. Fortum is an energy company focusing on the Nordic and Baltic Countries, Poland, Russia and India. Fortum operates power plants and generates and sells electricity as well as heat. In addition to these, Fortum provides waste disposal services such as recycling, reutilization, final disposal solutions, soil remediation and environmental construction services.

Dr. R. S. C. Jayaraj, Director, RFRI, Jorhat welcomed the guests with traditional *Phulam Gamosa*. Shri R. K. Kalita, Scientist-E, Sri Ibrahim, Scientist-C and others officers of RFRI, Jorhat were present on the occasion. The main objective of the visit of the delegates was to explore the avenues of cooperation of NRL with RFRI in the field of bamboo utilization.

Shri Ibrahim made a presentation on bamboo research and extension of the Institute and highlighted different R & D aspects of bamboo such as nursery management, plantation, preservation treatment and handicraft for benefit of the people. He also spoke about tissue culture activities undertaken in RFRI.

The team also visited the bamboo nursery, bambusetum and bamboo germplasm bank. Later, the team proceeded to Sivasagar to visit bamboo plantations raised by Garopaban JFMC, Geleki, Sivasagar (Assam) where they interacted with the people and observed the activities of the JFMC.

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