

## Visit of Dr. A. K. Bhattacharyya, IFS to RFRI, Jorhat

Dr. A. K. Bhattacharyya, Addl. PCCF and Mission Director, State Bamboo Mission, Madhya Pradesh visited Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam) on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 along with Mrs. Puspanjali Das, Director, GreenBam Solution, New Delhi. Dr. R. S. C. Jayaraj, Director welcomed the visiting dignitaries to the Institute. Sri R. K. Kalita, Head, Forestry Extension Division delivered a presentation on the Institute highlighting various research and developmental activities of the Institute.

Dr. Bhattacharyya interacted with Scientists and Officers of the Institute on manifold issues, more specifically on bamboos. As a part of monthly lecture programme, he made a detailed presentation on bamboo and its applications and recent advances in bamboo research. He highlighted the different activities of state of Madhya Pradesh on bamboo and its role in economic development in the state. He emphasized on diversification of research to match global trends. He informed that only China has done carbon trading with bamboo, and that India should explore possibilities of doing the same. He suggested that RFRI, Jorhat should come up with a white paper on use of bamboos in roadside plantations as a part of Green Highway policy. He highlighted the research priorities in bamboo as collection of primary and secondary data related to bamboo, end-use wise management, traditional knowledge on bamboos, assessment of demand and supply, estimation of potential productions etc. He suggested establishment of a model village using bamboo, as done in case of Madhya Pradesh.

Dr. Bhattacharyya visited RFRI bamboo germplasm collection and bambusetum and appreciated the Institute. He also visited Bamboo Composite Center of the Institute and got acquainted with capacity building works of the Institute.

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