

Report on XVI RAG meeting of RFRI, Jorhat.

The XVI Research Advisory Group (RAG) Meeting of Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat was held on 12th November, 2014. Following RAG members and scientists/officials were present in the meeting.

Sl. No.	Name	Designation & Affiliated Institution	RAG Members/ Participants/ Guests
1.	Dr. N. S. Bisht, IFS	Director, Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat, Assam	Chairman, RAG, 2014
2.	Shri D. Mathur, IFS	Addl. PCCF (RP) Assam	Member, RAG
3.	Dr. R. Kemp, IFS	Addl. PCCF (RE), Arunachal Pradesh	Member, RAG
4.	Dr. S.C. Nath	Chief Scientist, NEIST, Jorhat, Assam	Member, RAG
5.	Dr. K. K. Sharma	Principal Scientist, AAU, Jorhat, Assam	Member, RAG
6.	Dr. Atul C. Sarma,	Dy. Registrar, PPVFRA, Guwahati	Member, RAG
7.	Shri M. Tungnung, IFS,	CF, EAC, Jorhat, Assam	Guest
8.	Shri A. Ahmed	State Silviculturist, Assam Forest Department, Guwahati, Assam	Member, RAG
9.	Shri J. R. Barua,	ACF, Jorhat, Assam	Member, RAG
10.	Dr. R.K. Borah	Scientist E & GC(R)	Member Secretary, RAG
11.	Dr. Arun Pratap Singh	Scientist E, Eco & Bio. Division	Member, RAG
12.	Shri Rajib Kumar Kalita	Scientist E	Member, RAG
13.	Shri Gautam Banerjee	DCF, Coordinator (F)	Member, RAG
14.	Shri Arup Kumar Deka	DCF, Head, SFM Division	Member, RAG
15.	Shri Satyam Bordoloi	Scientist B, B&G Division	Member, RAG
OTHER OFFICIALS/PARTICIPANTS:			
16.	Dr. Vipin Parkash	Scientist D, SFM Division	Participant
17.	Dr. T.N. Manohara	Scientist D, BIK Division	Participant
18.	Shri Dhruva Jyoti Das	Scientist D, E&B Division	Participant
19.	Shri Rajesh Kumar	Scientist C, FP Division	Participant
20.	Dr. Pradyot Kumar Das	Scientist C, SFM Division	Participant
21.	Shri R. Rajarishi	Scientist C, FP Division	Participant
22.	Dr. Shailesh Pandey	Scientist C, FP Division	Participant
23.	Shri Hans Raj	Scientist C, ARCBR, Aizawl, Mizoram	Participant
24.	Mohd. Ibrahim	Scientist C, B&G Division	Participant
25.	Shri H.N. Dhungana	Scientist B, E&B Division	Participant
26.	Shri D. Gurung	Scientist B, FP Division	Participant
27.	Dr. Gaurav Mishra	Scientist B, SFM Division	Participant
28.	Dr. Krishna Giri	Scientist B, SC Division	Participant
29.	Shri Ajay Kumar	Scientist B, E&B Division	Participant
30.	Shri Deenesh Kr. Meena	Scientist B, E&B Division	Participant

31.	Shri S. Yadav	Scientist B, ARCBR, Aizawl, Mizoram	Participant
32.	Dr. T.C. Bhuyan	Scientist B, FE Division	Participant
33.	Dr. D. Dutta	Scientist B, FP Division	Participant
34.	Shri H.R. Bora	Scientist B, E&B Division	Participant
35.	Dr. Paporu Phukan Borpuzari	Scientist B, B&G Division	Participant
36.	Dr. Nizara Dutta Borthakur	Scientist B, FP Division	Participant

INAUGURAL SESSION

The meeting was inaugurated by Shri. D. Mathur, IFS., Addl. PCCF, Govt. of Assam and Dr. Kemp, IFS, Addl. PCCF, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh by lighting of lamps. At the outset, all the distinguished guests were felicitated with '*phulam gamosa*', a token of honour as per the traditional Assamese culture.

Dr. Kothiyal, ADG, (RP) ICFRE and Dr. S.P.S. Rawat, ADG (M&E), ICFRE also participated in the RAG from ICFRE Headquarter, Dehradun, through video conferencing.

Dr. N.S. Bisht, Director, Rain Forest Research Institute and Chairman RAG-2014, welcomed all the esteemed members, guests, scientists and explained the mandate and role of Research Advisory Group (RAG) meeting. He further stated that the projects presented for the approval before RAG are mainly formulated on the basis of thrust area and themes earmarked by ICFRE. He also explained about the scoring procedures to RAG members for the new projects.

Dr. R. K. Borah, Scientist 'E' and In/Charge- Group Coordinator (Research), RFRI described the infrastructural facilities of RFRI and highlighted the current research and extension activities of the Institute along with its achievements and future plans. He also briefed about the 11 newly proposed research projects.

TECHNICAL SESSION

New Project Proposals: The technical session commenced immediately after the inaugural session. The presentation session of 'New Project Proposals' was chaired by Dr. N.S. Bisht, IFS, Director, Rain Forest Research Institute. During this session, **eleven new project proposals** were presented by the respective Principal Investigators before the RAG members for approval. The RAG members appreciated the effort made by all PIs and enriched each presentation with valuable suggestions.

Ongoing Projects: During second technical session, five ongoing projects required for modifications were presented by the respective Principal Investigators before the RAG for approval.

CONCLUDING SESSION

In concluding session, all the esteemed guests and RAG members appreciated the achievements made by the RFRI, Jorhat, Assam in the field of scientific research and its extension. He suggested the scientists and research officers of RFRI, Jorhat to collaborate with the State Forest Department, Assam for formulation of coordinated project. Dr. K.K. Sharma, Principal Scientist, AAU, Jorhat, Assam informed that this kind of interaction is very much required to share the knowledge about the forestry research amongst the stakeholders. He also requested the RFRI fraternity to involve more and more community participation in research programme. The

Chairman of RAG-2014 in his concluding remarks thanked all esteemed guests and RAG members for their presence in the meeting and valuable suggestions made by them during the discussion. He also thanked Shri D. Mathur, IFS., Addl. PCCF, Govt. of Assam for his valuable comments. Lastly, Shri R.K. Kalita, Scientist E, wrapped up the whole programme and highlighted the salient features of the 16th Research Advisory Group (RAG) meeting with vote of thanks.

Glimpses of RAG Meeting at RFRI, Jorhat held on 12th November, 2014



