

Visit of Professor B.K. Dutta, Member, North Eastern Council (NEC) & Mr. Atanu Saha, Director, (Science & Technology), NEC

Professor B.K. Dutta, Member, North Eastern Council (NEC) and Mr. Atanu Saha, Director, (Science & Technology), NEC visited Rain Forest Research Institute (RFRI), Jorhat, Assam on 7th May, 2019. A meeting was held with the NEC officials in the Conference Hall of RFRI, Jorhat.

Dr. Dhruba Jyoti Das, Scientist-E and Head of Forest Ecology & Climate Change Division introduced the guests. Dr. R.S.C. Jayaraj, IFS, Director, RFRI felicitated the guests with traditional Assamese "*Phulam Gamucha*" and welcomed the guests and participants and presented the achievements, activities and the ongoing research projects in RFRI especially in the field of bamboo and Agar (*Aquilaria malaccensis*). He also emphasized that a lot of work needs to be done in the fields of the Agar wood and bamboo-value addition of North East (NE) India and their extension.

Professor B.K. Dutta, Member, NEC appreciated the activities of RFRI in the field of forestry research and informed that NEC is always willing to provide financial supports in the various fields of Research in NE India. He also requested the Director, RFRI and Scientists of RFRI to submit their research project proposals relating to bamboo propagation and value addition, Agar wood production, Lac cultivation, Tissue culture of Endangered and Threatened species of NE India. Mr. Atanu Saha, Director, NEC appreciated the activities carried out by RFRI. He also requested the scientists to submit project proposals to NEC for financial assistance. The scientists of RFRI too interacted with the NEC team.

The meeting was ended with vote of thanks by Dr. Dhruba Jyoti Das, Scientist-E.

After the meeting the team of NEC visited the Bamboo Composite Centre, Tissue Culture Laboratory, Bamboo Nurseries, Lac cultivation, Vermicomposting, Bambusetum and all Research Divisions of RFRI. The concerned scientists/ officer in-charge briefed the NEC team about their research achievements.

Glimpses of the meeting



Dr. Dhruva Jyoti Das, Scientist-E, introducing the guests



Director, RFRI felicitating Professor B.K. Dutta with 'Phulam Gamucha'



Director, RFRI felicitating the guest Mr. Atanu Saha with "Phulam Gamucha"



Director, RFRI delivering welcome address



Prof. B.K. Dutta, delivering his speech



Mr. Atanu Saha, delivering his speech



NEC team visiting Bamboo nursery



NEC team visiting Bamboo Composite Centre



NEC team visiting Tissue Culture Lab.