

## **Visit of Students to RFRI under Gyanjyoti Programme of Government of Assam**

**Gyanjyoti Programme** is one of the flagship programmes of Government of Assam initiated in 2004. This is the eighth year of this Programme. Under this Programme, Govt. of Assam provides all facilities to the school students to visit historically and geographically important places including industrial towns and important educational and research Institutions of Assam. Hundreds of students from Class VIII to X are being selected from Government/provincialized schools of Assam to impart knowledge and encouragement.

Like last couple years, RFRI, Jorhat also finds place in the itinerary of the Programme which was conducted on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2011. A total of three hundred students in four teams along with the supervising staff from four Districts viz. Lakhimpur, Sonitpur, Golaghat and Sivasagar visited RFRI. At the outset Dr. T. C. Bhuyan, Research Officer welcomed all the students, teachers and other officials to RFRI, Jorhat. A brief note on RFRI including mandate, research priorities, infrastructure, research facilities etc was delivered to the visiting students. Emphasis was also given on the important role of bamboo on socioeconomic development of rural area and present demand of bamboo as raw material in the world market.

The students visited the botanical garden, medicinal plants garden, orchidarium. They were amazed to see the endangered and endemic orchids. The students experienced different species of rattans and bamboos conserved by RFRI in its Canetum and Bambusetum respectively. The students visited the bamboo nursery. They were also explained about recent techniques of bamboo propagation and nursery management practices. Students also visited bamboo composite centre where various machines used for bamboo handicraft sector were shown. Following officials were actively involved in the successful completion of the programme: Dr. T. C. Bhuyan, Dr. D. Dutta, Dr(Mrs). K. N. Barua, Sri Protul Hazarika, Sri Debojit Neog and Sri Nilabh Chandra Das. Entire programme was coordinated by Sri R. K. Kalita, Head, Forestry Extension Division.







