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**REPORT ON THE EXPOSURE VISIT OF SIRD&PR ODISHA OFFICERS TO GAROPABAN JFMC AND HISTORICAL SITES OF SIVASAGAR, ASSAM**

ICFRE-Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam) organized an Exposure Visit, sponsored by State Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Government of Odisha, for its Officers under Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water Department during 3rd to 7th February, 2026. There are altogether twenty-four Officers serving in various capacities in Government of Odisha. In a gracious inaugural session of the Exposure visit, **Dr. Nitin Kulkarni**, Director of the Institute welcomed the Guests with traditional Phulam Gamosa. R. K. Kalita, Group Coordinator (Research) and Head, Extension Division delivered the welcome speech. Dr. D. J. Das, Head, SFM Division sensitized the Officers on various research and development activities through a power point presentation. Dr. Subrat Kumar Mishra, Deputy Director, State Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Government of Odisha also spoke on the occasion. He emphasized on collaborative work between ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat and Government of Odisha on issues of common interest in future. Dr. Nitin Kulkarni, Director thanked Government of Odisha for choosing this Institute for this visit. Dr. Tara Kumari, Scientist conducted the inaugural session.

Later, the Officers visited Bambusetum, Bamboo Nursery, Treatment Unit, Charcoal Unit, Bamboo Museum etc.

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On the second day of Exposure visit (i.e. 04-02-2026), the Officers of SIRD&PR, Government of Odisha visited Garopaban JFMC, Gelekey, Sivasagar (Assam). Sri Niran Gogoi, President, Garopaban JFMC welcomed the Team and explained various activities conducted by the JFMC with respect to livelihood through forestry interventions. They visited entire JFMC site and got first-hand information about bamboo cultivation, medicinal plant garden, Dillenia (Ou-tenga) plantation etc. Later the Officers visited historical monuments in Sivasagar, such as Borpukhuri, Jaidol, Rong-ghor etc.

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Officers of Govt. of Odisha who have been undergoing Exposure Visit Programme under the aegis of ICFRE-Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam) visited Biodiversity and National Orchid Park, Kohora, Golaghat on 5th February, 2026 where they got the opportunity to witness unique floral as well as cultural diversity. Later, they visited Kaziranga National Park and witnessed the vibrant wilderness of the park.

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On the fourth day of Exposure visit (i.e. 06-02-2026), the Officers of SIRD&PR, Government of Odisha visited various places of Jorhat district and studied different good practices implemented by various Departments of Government of Assam. Shri Manoj Baruah, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Jorhat Zilla Parishad along with his team of Officers interacted with the visiting Officers in a brief meeting held at ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat. Sri R. K. Kalita, Group Coordinator (Research) and Head, Extension Division welcomed Shri Baruah and his team of Officers and introduced to the visiting Officers. The Zilla Parishad Officers welcomed all the visiting Officers from Odisha with traditional Phulam Gamosa. Visits were made to show different developmental activities under various schemes such as PMAY-G, MGNREGA, JJM in Central Jorhat, Kaliapani and Jorhat East Blocks. They witnessed Amrit Sarovar at 20 No. Gohain Phesual GP, Kamarkhatowal PWSS, Cement Block Road, Vermicomposting Units, Balijonai PWSS, Livelihood activities of SHG at Lahing, Health Centre at Rajabari etc. They also had interaction with local people including beneficiaries.

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Valedictory Session of the Exposure visit of Officers of Government of Odisha was held on 6 February, 2026, under the chairmanship of Dr. Nitin Kulkarni, Director, where the participating Officers expressed their views on the visit. They highly appreciated the ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat for its meticulous planning and execution of the visit. They also expressed their satisfaction on implementation of the schemes by the various Departments of Government of Assam. Dr. Nitin Kulkarni, Director spoke on the occasion and thanked SIRD&PR, Odisha for choosing this Institute for their Exposure visit. Dr. Subrat Kumar Mishra, Deputy Director of SIRD&PR, Odisha delivered a motivation speech and appealed to the visiting Officers to implement good practices witnessed in Assam during the field visit. Sri R. K. Kalita, Group Coordinator (Research) and Head, Extension Division conducted the valedictory session in which Certificates were distributed to the participants.

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