

**RFRI, JORHAT CONDUCTS REDD+ CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP FOR NAGALAND AND ARUNACHAL PRADESH**

**Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat** conducted two-day Capacity Building Workshop on REDD<sup>+</sup> at its premises during 25-26 November, 2021 for developing State REDD+ Action Plan for Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh. A total of 13 forest officials from both the states apart from seven Scientists of RFRI participated in the workshop. The officers trained would conduct similar workshop/trainings in their respective states the outcomes of which would be the base for SRAP in their respective states.

Dr. R.S.C. Jayaraj, Director, RFRI inaugurated the workshop. Dr. Rajesh Sharma, ADG (BCC), ICFRE; Shri V.R.S. Rawat, former ADG, ICFRE and Dr. R. S. Rawat, Scientist, ICFRE participated through virtual mode in the inaugural session. Dr. R. K. Borah, Group Coordinator (Research), Shri R. K. Kalita, Head Extension Division, RFRI; Dr. Dhruva J. Das, Scientist and Member Secretary, REDD+ working group for ICFRE in North East India, and other Scientists/officials from RFRI and state forest departments were present at various sessions of the workshop.

The workshop is expected to prove as a milestone in REDD+ capacity building of state forest departments. The initiative would finally help in enhancement of carbon stock in North East Indian states keeping the biodiversity and rights of the indigenous people intact. It is further expected to instigate sustainable development of the region and fulfillment of the commitment of India at '**2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 26)**' at Glasgow, Scotland.

# Glimpses of the Workshop

