

STUDENTS EXPOSURE AND MOU PROGRAMME

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FROM KAMRUP COLLEGE TO DAFFODILD NURSERY AND DAFFODILS COLLEGE OF HORTICULTURE

As part of extension activities, IQAC, Kamrup College, Chamata undertook a students' Exposure programme to Daffodils Nursery and Daffodils College of Horticulture, Khetri of Kamrup District on 8th of April, 2022. A group of teachers along with principal, Dr. Debendra Kumar Bezbaruah accompanied the students. The Daffodil Nursery, one of the best and leading plant nurseries in the entire North East India, was established in the year 1985 having two stars nursery. The nursery is run by Dr. Dhruvajyoti Sarma an Associate professor and one of the leading entrepreneurs of the state and his wife Mrs. Rekha Sarma. Today the plants of the nursery are exported to all over India. Moreover many foreign countries like Bhutan, Bangkok etc. also import plants from the nursery. The nursery has grown into a big enterprise with varieties of reliable flowering plants, fruits plants and vegetable, flower seeds, grafts, specially the rubber grafts and many other plants which are only available in abroad. More than 300 people are working in this nursery who work hard to provide the best quality plants. They also help young people to set small and medium nursery of their own by providing plants from the nursery. The Nursery family adopted a nearby village which was very poor and earning less. But with the proper training and entrepreneurial spirit Daffodil Nursery transformed it into a self-depended village as every family had begun to develop nursery plantation under the supervision of Daffodils Nursery.

Our day long programme was divided into two parts. At the beginning the students were introduced to the varieties of plants and their process of plantation. An open air lecture was delivered by Dr. Dhruvajyoti Sarma. His deliberation enthralled the students very much. They gathered a wide range of first-hand knowledge on Nursery cultivation and nursery management. They are also made known by today's exposure programme that in this time of job scarcity nursery plantation can be a great opportunity for their earning.

In the second part of our visit we went to the Mother Plant Block which is located at Amguri where we have noticed around 18 certified mother plants out of 300 mother plants. We were happy to visit the nursery and at the same time our students learnt how to plant and care the plants and to make the spaces around us green and beautiful. After the visit of Daffodil Nursery and Mother Plant Block, the team went to visit Daffodil Horticulture College. The institution is providing quality education in a unique natural environment. An interactive session was held with the faculty members of the institution to encourage our students for generating interest in entrepreneurship through extra-curricular practices. Honourable Prof. H.C. Bhattacharyya delivered a speech on how to impart higher education in horticulture and how this enables the youths to become a successful entrepreneur.

After the presentation session, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was also signed between the two institutions for future collaboration in both academic and entrepreneurship sectors.

