

## **RFRI GRANTS NON-EXCLUSIVE LICENSE FOR MULTIPLICATION OF BAMBOO**

North east India is a cradle of bamboo genetic resources. To harness the potential of this important resource, Rain Forest Research Institute selected superior genotypes of different commercially important bamboo species from different areas of North East India and assembled in a germplasm bank. Further, 12 genotypes have been identified in *Bambusa tulda*, *B. balcooa* and *Dendrocalamus hamiltonii* as promising from this germplasm bank. These selected genotypes are being multiplied through tissue culture at RFRI.

As an initiative to supply *in vitro* mother cultures of superior genotypes to commercial plant tissue laboratories, an agreement was signed on 8/11/2017 between RFRI, Jorhat and Devleela Biotechs Ltd., Raipur which is a commercial plant tissue culture laboratory recognised by Department of Biotechnology, Govt of India under National Certification System for tissue culture raised plants (NCS-TCP). Through this agreement non-exclusive licence was granted to Devleela biotechs Ltd., for further multiplication and sale of a promising genotype of *Bambusa tulda*. Dr R.S.C Jayaraj , Director, RFRI and Shri Rajendra Surana, Director, Devleela Biotechs Ltd., signed the agreement and then the *in vitro* mother cultures of the genotype were handed over to Shri Surana. The occasion was graced by the presence of Shri J. K. Bora, General Manager, North Eastern Coal fields and Shri Rajiv Kumar Garg, IFS, PCCF and Principal Adviser, Coal India Ltd. Dr. Dhrub Jyoti Das, Scientist-D, Shri Satyam Bordoloi, Scientist-C and and Shri. Ajay Kumar, Scientist-C, RFRI was also present on the occasion.

