

A report on a talk at Department of Botany, Cotton University

Department of Botany, Cotton University has conducted a talk on ‘My Pilgrimage to RBG Kew, RBGE and NHM’ delivered by **Dr. Rajib Gogoi, Scientist-F, Botanical Survey of India, Sikkim Himalayan Regional Centre, Gangtok** on 14th October, 2025. Dr. Gogoi shared his journey and exposure he got while visiting many renowned institutes such as RBG Kew, RBGE and NHM. He also shared the challenges and contentment encountered while exploring interior places of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim in expedition of wild bananas, wild balsams, *Rhododendron* etc. He enlightened the participants about plant taxonomy, importance of herbarium preparation etc. He emphasised on the relevance and avenues of classical taxonomy in the modern science. The talk was indeed a grant success. Both students and faculty members are looking forward such talk in future.

