



NEWS BULLETIN

A Successful Expedition to NEDFi, Assam by the Department of Pharmacognosy



AZARA, March 09: On 7th March, 2024, the Dept. of Pharmacognosy, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Girijananda Chowdhury University, Guwahati, conducted its annual visit to the North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd (NEDFi). As part of the curriculum enrichment program mandated by the Pharmacy Council of India (PCI), 58 students of D. Pharm 1st year and 4 students of M. Pharm 2nd semester participated in the Pharmacognosy Field Visit guided by Dr. Trishna Das, Dr. Rupa Sengupta, and Mr. Ian Stewart Suchiang, faculty members of School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, GCU. Hosted by Ms. Kalpana Baishya of NEDFi, Khetri, the event included knowledge-based activities to enhance understanding of medicinal plant cultivation, their commercial value, and their healthcare applications. The students visited open fields where they witnessed and identified various species of medicinal and aromatic plants, their cultivation, processing and large-scale production of volatile oil in distilleries. Moreover, the students visited the Traditional Craft and Handloom Gallery, where various plants, including water hyacinth, were handcrafted to create eco-friendly products for domestic use. The centre also cultivates 'Lac' and 'Indigo,' natural dye products derived from plants. Throughout the event, students gained valuable insights into herbal medicine, and the outcomes of the field visit underscored the significance of indigenous herbs cultivated in and around Assam.



Ms. Kalpana Baishya giving insights about the cultivation and identification and pharmaceutical uses of indigenous medicinal plants.



Dr. Rupa Sengupta felicitating Ms. Kalpana Baishya of NEDFi Ltd, Assam.



Students taking keen interest in exploring nature's pharmacy.