

Department of Economics, Dibrugarh University Conducted Field Survey on Cultivation of Muga Silk-the GI tagged Product of Assam



Muga silk, a GI tagged product, known for its natural golden hue and durability, is indigenous to Assam and forms a crucial part of the state's cultural heritage. The traditional methods of cultivation, which have been passed down through generations, involve meticulous care and deep knowledge of sericulture. As Assam continues to navigate the complexities of modern development, the preservation of its traditional industries like Muga silk remains crucial for maintaining cultural identity and promoting economic resilience. In recognition of the significance of this long-standing traditional practice to the economy and the identity of the state, the Department of Economics, Dibrugarh University carried out a socio-economic survey on 19th May, 2024, among the Muga cultivators in two villages – Bantow and Borpatra, in the Dhakuwakhana subdivision of Lakhimpur district, Assam. The survey involved active participation from the fourth-semester students, faculty members, and the research scholars of the Department. The initiative aimed to gather comprehensive data on various aspects of traditional Muga cultivation and gain insights into the lives of the farmers who sustain this practice. Additionally, it provided the students a practical experience in collecting and handling primary data as a part of their regular academic exercise.