

### Skill Development Training under Demo Village at Manipur

RFRI, Jorhat conducted a two-day Skill Development Training at its Demo Village situated at Foundation for Environment and Economic Development Services (FEEDS), Hengbung, Kangpokpi District, Manipur on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2018. There were 46 participants coming from various parts of the Senapati & Kangpokpi Districts.

Sri R. K. Kalita, HoD, Forestry Extension Division and Coordinator Demo Village Programme of RFRI, Jorhat welcomed Chief Guest, Officials of FEEDS and all other participants. The inaugural session was graced by Ms. Esther Laltakim Serto, IFS, Divisional Forest Officer of Kangpokpi District as Chief Guest. Addressing the participants, Ms. Esther highlighted the value and importance of Agarwood as source of livelihood for the people of residing on hilly regions and appreciated the efforts of RFRI and FEEDS for conducting such training.

Dr. R. K. Borah, Scientist F, RFRI offered training on Agarwood and its importance for people of Manipur. He delivered presentation on nursery, plantation, extraction and artificial inoculation of Agar trees for production of Agar oil.

Dr. Borah also imparted training on another most important aspect concerning Manipur i.e. on Parkia mortality. Parkia is very highly priced plant in Manipur. Its edible parts i.e. pods fetch very high price in market. However, the plant has been gradually dying in the states of Manipur and Nagaland since last couple of years. Dr. Borah highlighted various issues on the plant including its nursery, cultivation, probable causes of mortality etc.

Shri R. K. Kalita offered training on bamboo and lac. He gave detailed presentations on bamboo nursery, propagation, plantation management, utilization and preservation. He gave hands-on demonstrations on various bamboo propagation techniques, preparation of IBA solution, nursery preparation etc.

Shri Kalita also delivered presentation on lac and its importance in livelihood generation. He explained in details about various aspects related to lac cultivation, processing and utilization of lac. He appealed to the participants to take the cultivation of lac in their land.

Dr. David Kamei, SMS, FEEDS delivered presentation on natural resource management. Sri Brajamani Singh of FEEDS also assisted in the training process.

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## GLIMPSES OF THE TRAINING



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