

**ICFRE-LIVELIHOOD EXTENSION CENTRE, AGARTALA CONDUCTS
TREE GROWERS' MELA**

To increase the awareness among the farmers, students, SHGs members and other counterparts of the society about the needs of tree plantation for livelihood management and mitigation of climate change, a one-day **Tree Growers' Mela** was organized on 25th March, 2025 at ICFRE-Livelihood Extension Centre, Gandhigram, Agartala. The Training was sponsored by CAMPA extension of Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education (ICFRE).

The Inaugural Session was graced by Smt. Paushali Roy, IFS, Director, Tripura State Forest Academy (TSFA), Shalbagan, Agartala wherein more than hundred farmers, tree growers, SHGs member and students of Tripura participated in the Mela. In her welcome address, Smt. Roy emphasized on the ongoing lab-to-land activities of the centre to encourage the livelihood opportunities and capacity building of the farmers, tree growers, SHGs member and students of the region. She gave special emphasis on cultivation of bamboo and their value added products. Shri Niren Das, Organizing Secretary of Tree Grower's Mela welcomed all the tree growers, farmers, SHGs member, students and other participants coming from various parts of Tripura. Shri Das briefed the objective and explained the need for the Tree Growers Mela.

In the technical session, Shri Ajay Debbarma, Sc-B delivered a details presentation on the theme of Tree Grower's Mela Forest & Livelihood. Shri Niren Das also delivered a presentation on the topic of Vermicomposting techniques and Bamboo propagation. In the Interactive Session, participants interacted with officers and staff of ICFRE-LEC Agartala.

There were three Exhibition Stalls which were installed in the vicinity of the experimental plots of respective species. Each Stall was equipped with complete information on the concerned species. Live demonstration of various propagation techniques, nursery practices, plantation technology, disease-pests problem and their management, livelihood generation issues, bamboo treatment techniques, biochar production techniques etc were some of the highlights of the **'Knowledge Mining'** sessions.

In the valedictory session, participants shared their experiences and give valuable suggestions. Participants asked different questions and also expressed their reviews/feedback about the Tree Growers Mela. Shri Debashish Chakraborty, Retd. IFS was the Chief Guest during the valedictory session of the Tree Growers Mela. He interacted with participants and advised them to implement it in their area and share knowledge among other people. One long day Tree Growers Mela concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Shri Niren Das, Chief Technical Officer & Organizing Secretary of Tree Growers Mela.

Glimpses of LEC Agartala tree Growers' Mela



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