

RFRI, JORHAT CONDUCTS CERTIFICATE COURSE ON BAMBOO PROPAGATION AND MANAGEMENT UNDER GSDP

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat has started a Certificate Course on Propagation and Management of Bamboo under Green Skill Development Programme of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India from 25th February, 2019. The Course will continue till 23rd March, 2019. There are 25 participants coming from different States of India, such as Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur apart from Assam.

The training programme was inaugurated by Shri P. Sivakumar, IFS, Conservator of Forests, Northern Assam Circle, Tezpur (Assam). He appreciated the effort of RFRI in skill development activities of bamboo. He told that climate, soil and other factors are very much suitable for bamboo cultivation in Assam and NE India that harbor more than 65% of total bamboo species of India. This has given a competitive advantage to Assam and entire NE India. It is the time to utilize this natural resource for development of NE. He told that ‘where there is a will, there is a way’, citing different case studies in Assam where many people were able to achieve the success by their entrepreneurial acumen. He cited his own experience when he was Divisional Forest Officer in South Nagaon Forest Division, Hojai where he had developed a role model for JFMCs for which he got most coveted award in forest sector, called Indira Priyadarshini Vriksha Mitra Award in 2008 by Government of India.

R. K. Kalita, Senior Scientist and Course Director of GSDP, RFRI welcomed the invited guests and participants. He spoke in details about the Course and appealed to the participants to take the advantage of the opportunity offered by the Institute in skill development of bamboo sector. In this Course, all major aspects of bamboo propagation and management, starting from global distribution, species diversity, choice of species, economically important species, nursery management,

propagation methods, cultivation practices, tending operations, diseases and pests, preservation treatments, utilization, entrepreneurship development etc. will be covered.

Provisions are also made for outstation field tours to Nagaland and other natural as well as manmade bamboo forests of Assam.

Certificates will be awarded to the participants at the end of the Course.

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