

RFRI Conducts Skill Development Training under Van Vigyan Kendra

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam) in association with Lakhimpur Forest Division, North Lakhimpur (Assam) conducted a two-day Skill Development Training under Van Vigyan Kendra, Assam at Gumnadi CAMPA Nursery, North Lakhimpur on 10-11 March, 2018. There were altogether 42 participants including Forest Filed Functionaries, JFMC Members, NGO Members, Students, Farmers in the training.

The inaugural session was attended by Shri R. K. Kalita, Scientist E and Training Coordinator, RFRI, Jorhat; Dr. Vasanthan, B, IFS, DFO, Lakhimpur; Shri T. C. Ranjith Ram, IFS, ACF, Lakhimpur and others. Dr. Vasanthan welcomed all the participants attending the training and appealed them to take advantage of the opportunity of learning during the training process.

Shri R. K. Kalita delivered a detailed presentation on various aspects of bamboo - its importance, distribution, utilization, diversity, propagation methods, nursery practices, cultivation, harvesting, intercropping etc. He also demonstrated the propagation techniques.

Shri Rajarshi Bhattacharyya, Technical Officer, RFRI imparted training on vermicomposting technology. He demonstrated the construction of low cost vermicomposting unit by bamboo which was collapsible and easy to construct.

On the second day, Dr. Prabal Saikia, Chief Scientist, Regional Agricultural Research Station, North Lakhimpur delivered a very impressive and illustrative presentation on 'Ecosystem services of Birds and their importance in Human Welfare'. The presentation was very informative and timely. He explained how various birds are performing the commendable duty for welfare of human being. He demonstrated his innovative experiments on conservation of birds.

Dr. Hemen Chaudhury, Associate Professor, Biswanath College of Agriculture, Assam Agricultural University, delivered a presentation on Agro-forestry. He explained various ways by which income of farmers could be made doubled by 2022. He illustrated the role of Agro-forestry on it.

Shri R. K. Kalita delivered presentation on three important topics: Agarwood, Lac Cultivation and Bamboo Utilization, which have direct impact on livelihood of the farmers.

Certificates and one sapling of *Casuarina* sp. were distributed to the participants in Valedictory Session.

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