

## **Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam) organizing "Tree Growers Mela"**

RFRI, Jorhat is organising **Tree Growers Mela** on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2015 at its Deovan Campus to sensitize the farmers and tree growers of this region on issues related to cultivation and management of tree species on farm lands, the technologies and products developed by the ICFRE and its institutes in the field of forestry, value addition and marketing of various NTFPs, skill development and livelihood options from bamboos and other local forest products such as broom grass. The Tree Grower's Mela would provide an opportunity for bringing together local farmers, Self Help Groups, NGOs, Joint Forest Management Committees working in different forest divisions, wood and bamboo based entrepreneurs and industries, State Forest Departments and forestry research organizations of this region on one common platform which will help in understanding the issues related to tree farming and exchange of ideas and sharing of experiences. It will also enable all these stakeholders to flag issues, which require the attention of scientists and government officials to provide solutions through research and capacity building programmes and also to catch up with the latest development in R&D of Forestry and allied sectors.

Around 250-300 tree growers, farmers, craftsmen, JFMC members from all the North Eastern States are expected to participate in the Mela. The participants will be encouraged to share their experiences on growing of trees and bamboos on their lands, value addition livelihood options through forestry based activities as well as marketing of tree and bamboo and NTFPs based products. Besides farmers, officers and staff of various Forest Departments of NE States, representatives from Wood/Bamboo based industries, scientists and faculty from Research and academic institutions are also invited to participate in the Mela.

There will be Interactive sessions on different aspects such as cultivation, nursery techniques, preservation techniques, disease control, value addition, marketing of bamboo, Agarwood, agroforestry models, lac cultivation, Noni cultivation, skill development etc with the help of experts where all technical details as well as doubts of the farmers, craftsmen, tree growers, students and other stakeholders etc would be clarified in local languages as well as by showing live demonstration of technology.

Live demonstration Stalls will be installed at various experimental plots in Deovan Campus.

**All interested people are cordially invited to participate in this two day's forestry extravaganza at Deovan Campus of RFRI, Jorhat (Assam). For detail, please contact Organizing Secretary.**

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