

RFRI CONDUCTS SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING FOR ERI ENTREPRENEURS

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat conducted Skill Development Training for Eri Entrepreneurs from 25th June to 9th July, 2017. A total of 20 participants from Jorhat, Sivasagar, Lakhimpur, Udalguri, Morigaon of Assam and Dimapur of Nagaland attended the training. The training is sponsored by Central Silk Board through Central Muga Eri Research & Training Institute, Lahdoigarh, Jorhat (Assam) under a project namely, Standardization and Popularization of Treated Bamboo Products in Ericulture.

The training was inaugurated by Dr. R.S.C. Jayaraj, Director, RFRI, Jorhat and attended by Dr. Kartik Neog, Scientist from CMERTI apart from Scientists of RFRI and trainees. Dr. Jayaraj told that bamboo objects are largely used in sericulture all over India. When bamboo objects are made from untreated bamboo, these last for very short period of time, say 1-2 years. But bamboo products made from treated bamboo last more than ten years. This reduces the cost of replacement of these objects. There is great scope of enhancing livelihood of rural people by adopting sericulture and also manufacturing of bamboo products for the sector

The resource persons who imparted training were Sri R. K. Kalita, Dr. T.C. Bhuyan and Sri Mohan Saikia. Apart from them, Sri Deba Kanta Borah and Sri Nripen Gogoi also assisted the trainees. Dr. T. C. Bhuyan sensitized the trainees on the wide range of bamboo products. He informed that there are more than 1500 application of bamboo. In sericulture, large number of products is manufactured from bamboo. He also demonstrated the dipping method & Boucherie method of bamboo treatment.

Sri R.K. Kalita gave hand-on-training on bamboo treatment with Borax and Boric Acid. Sri Mohan Saikia who is the Master Craftsman of the training was closely involved in the entire training period. He taught the trainees various technical skills required for making of bamboo objects such as basic measurement, making of slivers, making frame, knot binding, polishing, finishing etc. All the trainees whole heartedly participated and mingled with training activities.

In the valedictory session, Dr. B. K. Singh, Director, CMERTI, Lahdoigarh, Jorhat (Assam) was present along with Dr. Siddique Ahmed, Scientist-C. Dr. Singh explained total scenario of Silk industry of India and place of Assam in it. He informed that around 1.2 million people are engaged in sericulture in North Eastern States and another 8.20 million people who do not rear Eri/Muga but supplying various bamboo objects. He appealed to all the participants to work hard and make use of knowledge given through the trainings and support the livelihood enhancement of their families.

Dr. Ahmed gave a power point presentation and explained aims and objectives of the project under which the training was organized. He also spoke on cluster development of bamboo.

The trainees also visited Gibbon Hollongapar Sanctuary and CMERTI, Lahdoigarh, Jorhat. Sri R. K. Kalita, Training Coordinator, extensively planned and executed entire training programme. Certificates were distributed to the participants. The participants expressed their satisfaction and opined that they had learnt many new things during the training.



















