

FIVE DAYS SPECIALIZED TRAINING
ON
BAMBOO/ RINGAL HANDICRAFTS FOR FARMERS/ ARTISANS OF
THE STATE OF UTTARAKHAND
[24th to 28th June, 2013]

The Bamboo Technical Support Group (BTSG) of Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), and Forest research Institute (FRI), Dehradun jointly hosted a 5 days specialized Training from 24th – 28th June 2013, on “Bamboo/Ringal Handicrafts for the farmers/Artisans of state of Uttarakhand” under the National Bamboo Mission 2013- 2014. The training was sponsored by Bamboo Technical Support Group [BTSG] – ICFRE. Nineteen artisans from district Chamoli of Uttarakhand participated in the training under the technical guidance of two master trainers.

Dr. P.P. Bhojvaid IFS, Director, Forest Research Institute, & Vice Chancellor, FRI University, inaugurated the training program. In his inaugural address he emphasized the multiple use of Ringal and Bamboo and its value addition for improving the livelihood of our brothers & sisters living around the ringal and bamboo areas.

Dr. R. K. Aima IFS, Head, Extension Division presented the welcome address. While welcoming the participants and the dignitaries present, he said that the participants shall not only learn or improve their skills with the master trainers but also learn more from each other’s experience. Besides other dignitaries Dr. Vimal Kothiyal, Asstt. Director General, Research Planning, ICFRE attended the function. In his address he disclosed that ICFRE is conducting similar training programs at other places also.

The inaugural session was followed by technical sessions during which the trainees made food baskets, hats, lamp stands, bouquets, flower pots, pitchers, yoga mat, dust bin water bottle hangers, food-pot hangers, flower baskets, lamp shade and many others articles from Ringal and Bamboo.

During the 5 days training program, the participants were provided free boarding, lodging and to and fro travel from their villages and scientific input on preservation, seasoning and other aspects of bamboo and Ringal were imparted by the scientists the forest products divisions of FRI, Dehradun. The participants are also visited bambusetum and museums. To further, forward linkages the participants visited Prerna Souvenir Shop of FRI. The entire training program was widely covered by print and electronic media.

Glimpses of the training



Inauguration by Director, FRI



Trainees at work



Director, FRI glancing products made by trainees



Media coverage – Doordarshan (Uttarakhand)



Director, FRI distributing certificates to trainees



Faculty and trainees together