

Field Functionaries Training on Bamboo Propagation and Management

A Five days **Field Functionaries Training on Bamboo Propagation and Management** was organized by Forest Development Agency, Jorhat in association with Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat from 13th to 17th May, 2013 at RFRI, Jorhat. The Training programme was inaugurated by Sri Dwijen Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Jorhat. Sri N. K. Malakar, Divisional Forest Officer-*cum*-Chief Executive Officer, FDA, Jorhat welcomed all the participants to the training. Sri R. K. Kalita, Scientist, RFRI, Jorhat conducted the training. Altogether 22 participants from various government departments such as Agriculture, Forest, Industries and non-governmental organizations attended the training.

The training programme was started with presentation of Dr. T. C. Bhuyan, Research Officer, RFRI, Jorhat on Bamboo Propagation, Nursery Management, Cultivation, Product Diversification and Value Addition. The trainees were exposed to various techniques of bamboo propagation in the nursery. The trainees visited RFRI bambusetum and germplasm collections.

Sri R. K. Kalita, Scientist, RFRI, Jorhat imparted training on disease and insect problems of bamboo and their management. The trainees were also demonstrated the techniques of vermicomposting process by Dr. P. K. Verma, Research Officer, RFRI, Jorhat and Sri Niren Das, Research Assistant, RFRI, Jorhat.

One-day Field Visit was organized to expose the trainees to Joint Forest Management activities of Garopaban JFM, under Sivasagar Forest Division. The trainees experienced various activities of the JFM such as mixed plantations, nursery, *Muga* rearing on *Som* plantations etc.

Sri Suren Saikia, Assistant Manager, District Industries and Commerce Center, Jorhat delivered a presentation on various schemes of Government of India and Assam w.r.t. industrial development of Assam. He emphasized on the need of taking advantage of various developmental schemes and programmes of government such as Prime Minister Employment Guarantee Programme, Assam Industrial Policy 2008 and 2013, North East Industrial Policy, Assam Vikas Yojana for vocational training, Chief Ministers Swa-niyujan Scheme etc.

Dr. Dhruvajyoti Das, Scientist, RFRI, Jorhat imparted training on application of geoinformatic tools in resource mapping. He demonstrated the handling of GPS to the trainees.

The trainees were also exposed to application of tissue culture techniques in bamboo propagation. Dr. Meena Barthakur, Scientist, CSIR-NEIST, Jorhat delivered presentation on this topic.

A renowned craftsman, Sri Mohan Saikia from Sivasagar, Assam delivered a talk on innovative bamboo handicrafts & furniture making. He sensitized the trainees on the art of bamboo handicraft making.

In the concluding session, certificates were distributed to the trainees.

Glimpses of Training



