

### Field Functionaries Training on Bamboo Propagation and Management

A Field Functionaries Training on Bamboo Propagation and Management was organized jointly by Forest Development Agency, Jorhat and RFRI, Jorhat under National Bamboo Mission from 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 at RFRI, Jorhat. Twenty five numbers of participants from Golaghat, Jorhat, Sivasagar, Dibrugarh and Tinisukia Districts participated in the training programme. Agricultural Development Officers of State Agriculture Department, Forester-I and Deputy Range Officers of State Forest Department, Joint Forest Management Presidents and NGO Members participated in the training programme.

At the outset, all the participants and guests were welcomed by Sri Sapan Saikia, CEO, FDA, Jorhat-cum-DFO, Jorhat Forest Division, Jorhat (Assam). The Programme was inaugurated by Dr. R. K. Borah, Group Coordinator (Research), RFRI, Jorhat.

Detail Schedule of the Training is given below:

#### 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 (Monday)

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic/Event</b>	<b>Resource Person</b>
10.00 – 10.45 AM	Inaugural Session	
11.00 - 01.00 PM	Bamboo Propagation, Nursery Management, Cultivation and Value addition	Dr. T. C. Bhuyan
02.00 - 05.00 PM	Practical on Bamboo Propagation, Visit to Bamboo Nursery, Bambusetum	Dr. T. C. Bhuyan Sri R. K. Kalita Sri Kumud Borah Sri Debojit Neog

#### 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 (Tuesday)

10.00 - 10:45 AM	Bamboo Based Agroforestry Practices in Assam	Dr. I. P. Bora
11:15 - 01.00 AM	Vermicomposting (Theory & Practice)	Dr. P. K. Verma Sri Niren Das
02:00 - 02.45 PM	Pest and Disease Problems of Bamboo and their Management	Sri R. K. Kalita
02:45 - 04:00 PM	Application of GPS in Resource Mapping: Theory & Practice	Dr. D. J. Das

#### 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 (Wednesday & Thursday)

10:00 - 05:00 PM	Innovative bamboo handicrafts making	Sri Mohan Saikia Sri Debo Bora Sri Nripen Gogoi
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#### 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 (Friday)

07:00 – 11.00 AM	Field Trip to visit Gibbon WLS and RFRI Demo Village	Sri Nilabh C. Das
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Valedictory Session was attended by Sri R. K. Kalita, Training Coordinator, RFRI, Jorhat; Sri Sapan Saikia, CEO, FDA, Jorhat-cum-DFO, Jorhat Forest Division, Jorhat; Dr. T. C. Bhuyan, Scientist, RFRI, Jorhat; Sri J. R. Baruah, ACF, Jorhat and all other Participants. The Participants shared their experience acquired during the period of the training and expressed deep satisfaction in this regard.

Some participants raised few issues for discussion. Mrs. Rumi Borah, Agriculture Development Officer, Khowang, Dibrugarh raised an important field issue of infestation of wild buffalo in her work area for which farmers' crops were severely destroyed apart from threat to human life. She told that if plantation of thorny bamboo i.e. *Bambusa bambos* (Kotoha Bah) can be done on the traditional trails of wild buffalo, then its infestation can be checked. Thread bare discussion was taken place on this issue. Necessary work can be initiated by the concerned authority in this line. RFRI would definitely come forward to help in this regard.

Some of the Participants showed their keen interest on bamboo handicrafts and sought technical help and guidance from RFRI, Jorhat.

Certificates were distributed to the Participants at the Valedictory Session.

Entire training programme was conceptualised, planned and conducted by Sri R. K. Kalita, Training coordinator, RFRI, Jorhat.

## GLIMPSES OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

















**Hoolock Gibbon**



