

Training of Range Forest Officer Trainees from CASFOS, Burnihat (Assam)

A total of 28 numbers of Trainee Forest Range Officers including 6 lady officers of 2014-15 batch from CASFOS Burnihat, Assam had undergone training at Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam) from 6th to 10th May, 2014. The Trainees were led by Sri N. Luikham IFS, Lecturer, CASFOS, Burnihat.

On 6th May morning, the Trainees were formally welcomed by Dr. R. K. Borah, Group Coordinator Research. Sri R. K. Kalita, Head, Forestry Extension Division acquainted the Trainees with various research and development activities of the RFRI through a power point presentation. It was followed by various technical sessions along with field visit and practical sessions (**Table 1**).

Various subjects covered during the training were Genetic Improvement of important forest species of NE; Seed Technology; Propagation, Nursery Management and Cultivation of Bamboo; Diseases of forest nursery/ plantation and their management; Vermicomposting and Biofertilizer Applications in Forestry; Application of GIS in Forestry and Insect-pests of forest nursery/ plantations and their management. The trainees visited the RFRI Demo Village at Meleng Grant and Gibbon WLS. Practical demonstration sessions also followed by each theory session.

Valedictory Session was held on 9th May, 2014.

Entire programme was meticulously planned and successfully coordinated by Sri R. K. Kalita, Head, Forestry Extension Division, RFRI, Jorhat.

Table 1: Detail Schedule of Training

6th May, 2014 (Tuesday):

Time	Session/Topic	Resource Person
10:15 - 10:45 AM	Introduction Session	
10:45 - 11:00 AM	Tea Break	
11:00 - 01:00 PM	Propagation, Nursery Management, Cultivation of Bamboo and Value Addition	Dr. T. C. Bhuyan
01:00 - 02:00 PM	Lunch Break	
02:00 - 05:00 PM	Visit to Bambusetum/ Bamboo Germplasm Collection	Dr. T. C. Bhuyan Sri Debojit Neog Sri Kumud Bora
	Demonstrations of Bamboo Propagation & Nursery Management techniques	
	Visit to Bamboo Preservation Unit, Charcoal Unit Visit to Bamboo Composite Center	Dr. T. C. Bhuyan

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7th May, 2014 (Wednesday):

Time	Session/Topic	Resource Person
10:00 - 11:00 AM	Seed Technology	Dr. Ibrahim
11:00 - 01:00 PM	Genetic Improvement of important forest species of NE, Plus Tree Selection & Vegetative Propagation Techniques	Dr. N. Ravi
01:00 - 02:00 PM	Lunch Break	
02:00 - 03:30 PM	Biofertilizer Applications in Forestry	Dr. Vipin Prakash
03:30 - 05:00 PM	Vermicomposting Technology Demonstrations	Sri Niren Das

8th May, 2014 (Thursday):

Time	Session/Topic	Resource Person
10:00 - 11:30 AM	Diseases of forest nursery/ plantation and their management	Dr. S. Pandey
11:30 - 01:00 PM	Agar wood: A Wonder Tree Visit to Agar wood plantation of RFRI	Dr. R. K. Borah
01:00 - 02:00 PM	Lunch Break	
02:00 - 03:00 PM	Forest Soils of India	Dr. Gaurav Mishra
03:00 - 04:00 PM	Non-Timber Forest Produces	Sri D. K. Meena
04:00 - 05:30 PM	Importance of Butterfly inclusive Ecotourism as a source of livelihood	Dr. Arun P. Singh

9th May, 2014 (Friday):

Time	Session/Topic	Resource Person
10:00 - 12:30 PM	Application of GIS in Forestry (Theory & Practicals)	Dr. D. J. Das
12:30 - 01:00 PM	Visit to Botanical Garden and Orchidarium	Dr. Kuntala N. Barua
01:00 - 02:00 PM	Lunch Break	
02:00 - 03:30 PM	Insect-pests of forest nursery/ plantations and their management & Visit to Insect Lab	Sri Raja Rishi
03:30 - 04:30 PM	Visit to Tissue Culture Laboratory	Sri Satyam Bordoloi
04:45 - 05:30 PM	Concluding Session	

10th May, 2014 (Saturday):

Time	Session/Topic	Resource Person
06:00 AM to 01:00 PM	Visit to RFRI Demo Village & Gibbon WLS	Dr. P. K. Verma Sri Niren Das

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