

A three day training programme "**Promotion of Lac Cultivation; Bamboo Charcoal Preparation and its Briquetting for livelihood support**" was conducted at RFRI, Jorhat from 28.01.2014 to 30.01.2014. Dr. N.S. Bisht, Director, RFRI, Jorhat inaugurated the training programme. The programme was also graced by India's renowned Industrialist and exporter of Lac Shri Roshanlal Sharma from Ranchi, Jharkhand and the former TRIFED marketing wizard Shri G.K. Dev Goswami of Guwahati, Assam.

The training was imparted to selected farmers from Haflong, Dima Hasao; Hamren, Karbi Anglong; Amguri, Sivasagar and Jorhat Assam. Shri Dhruba Gurung, Scientist B and training coordinator gave detailed information with practical hands on training on Lac cultivation and its management; preparation of charcoal from bamboo and its briquetting. The farmers were also informed about the prevalent market demand of the lac, which has the present market value of about Rs.200 to 300/- per kg and bamboo charcoal briquette with the market demand is more than 150 metric tons per month. As per Shri Roshanlal Sharma, northeast India has a great potential for lac (*Laccifer lacca*) cultivation which can be enhanced by scientific cultivation protocol for livelihood support to the farmers and boost the current export market of Rs.400 crores. Both the invitees expressed their willingness to help the farmers in buying their lac produce.



Inauguration of training programme by Dr. NS Bisht, Director, RFRI, Jorhat



Delegates and trainees during inauguration for training programme



A view of the field training on lac cultivation protocol



Glimpse of certificate distribution to the trainees

