

## **Bamboo Handicraft Training at RFRI, Jorhat**

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat organized a training programme on ‘Capacity Building of Tribal Youth for Livelihood Generation through Bamboo Handicrafts’ under *Direct to Consumer* Project ‘Bamboo Based Entrepreneurship Development for Livelihood Generation through Capacity Building, Skill Up-Gradation of Artisans and Value Addition’ from 27<sup>th</sup> July to 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2015. Twenty one youth from Mishing community of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh participated in the training programme. The Youth were selected through Institute for Culture and Rural Development (I-CARD), a Jorhat based NGO.

Sri R. S. C. Jayaraj, Director, RFRI inaugurated the Training programme and briefed the Trainees about the programme. He emphasized on the need of translating the experience to be gained from the forthcoming training into an economic enterprise. He made a power point presentation through which he sensitized the trainees on different bamboo products and their uses. Particularly he highlighted the development made by China in bamboo handicraft and industries sector.

Dr. T. C. Bhuyan emphasized on production of quality bamboo products so that one can compete in the present market. He also explained the detailed procedure of bamboo treatment for protection from the pests and diseases to the trainees.

Fr. K. A. Thomas, Director, I-CARD also spoke on the occasion and thanked the Director, RFRI for permitting to organize the training at short notice.

Entire hands-on training was imparted by five resource persons namely, Sri Mohan Saikia, Sri Dipen Payun, Sri Indrakalam Phukan, Sri Debo Bora and Sri Nripen Gogoi. Different techniques involved in making the following bamboo handicrafts items were taught during the training programme: Electric Lamp with Stand, knitting, weaving with bamboo slivers, Bed, Sofa set, Chair, Centre Table, Flower Vase, Wall Hanging, Hair Clips, Pen, Hanger Tray etc.

The trainees were found to be highly dedicated and full with zeal and enthusiasm to work. They were novice but their persistence in work will make them skilled and perfect craftsperson.

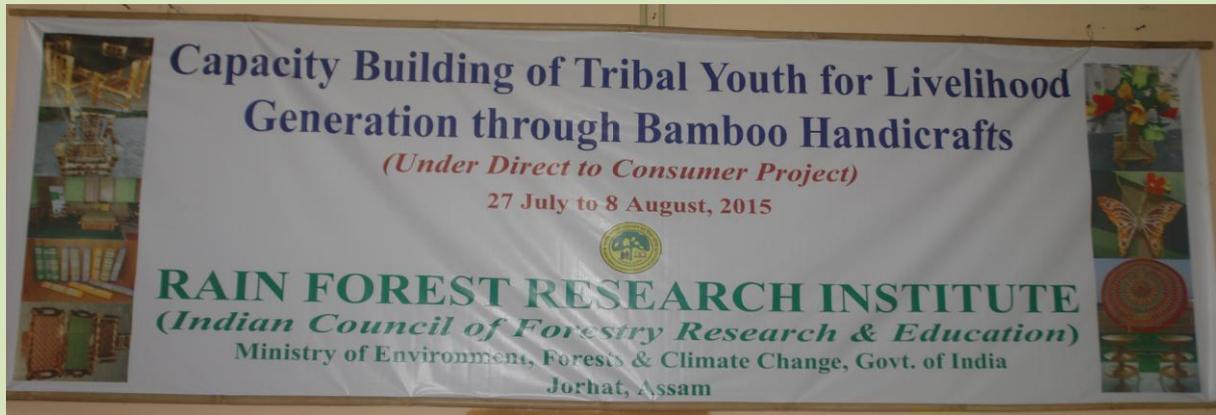
Valedictory Session was organized on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2015. Sri R. K. Kalita, PI of the project presented a brief report of the training programme. Sri R. S. C. Jayaraj, Director, RFRI spoke on the occasion and congratulated the trainees for benefitting from the training programme. Fr. K. A. Thomas, Director, I-CARD was also present on the occasion and expressed his gratitude to the Director of RFRI, Jorhat, Assam for his support.

A colorful song, dance and drama items were performed by the trainees at the valedictory Session. They performed a street play called “Missed Call” through which they tried to create awareness about misuse of mobile phones by the younger generation.

#### **List of Trainees**

1	Miss Dipika Bori	Golaghat
2	Miss Roshmi Regon	Sadiya
3	Sri Sunmoina Doley	Golaghat
4	Sri Narayan Modi	Jorhat
5	Miss Sonda Regon	Jorhat
6	Sri Podmanath Jimey	Dhemaji
7	Sri Bhabesh Chungkurang	Lakhimpur
8	Sri Nomita Morang	Tinisukia
9	Miss Togor Kutum	Golaghat
10	Miss Appun Kuli	Tinisukia
11	Sri Bikram Kuli	Majuli
12	Sri Laba Kumar Doley	Dhemaji
13	Sri Dhaniram Pagag	Lakhimpur
14	Miss Hewali Norah	East Siyang
15	Miss Nomina Doley	Sadiya
16	Sri Pratob Jyoti Doley	Lakhimpur
17	Sri Biswajit Pegu	Tinisukia
18	Sri Sunmoni Pegu	Jorhat
19	Sri Abhijit Pegu	Lakhimpur
20	Miss Joya Pegu	Dhemaji
21	Miss Devika Rani Doley	Dhemaji

**GLIMPSES OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME**



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