

FIELD SEMINAR ON AWARENESS AND CULTIVATION OF LAC

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam) organized a series of Seminars cum Awareness programmes on Lac at Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao Districts of Assam in association with Karbi Farmers Association. Sri D. Gurung, Scientist 'C' of this Institute conducted these seminars cum awareness programmes under his *Direct to Consumer* Project on Lac.

On 19th July, 2015, a seminar on lac cultivation and awareness on eco-village was organized by Karbi Farmers Association at Amlokhi, Karbi Anglong. The seminar was attended by Sri Samsing Hanse, President KFA, Dr. Robindra Teron, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Life Science, Assam University Diphu Campus, Mr. Khorsing Teron, Adviser, KFA, Sarkari Gaonbura of Amlokhi areas besides about 100 farmers.

On 22nd July, 2015 awareness programme on lac cultivation was conducted at Lodi, Haflong. Additional Director (Hills), Soil Conservation Department participated in the awareness programme. Apart from Lac cultivation, training was also imparted on bamboo charcoal making.

On 23rd July, 2015, another awareness programme lac was conducted at Forest Range Office, Maibong, Dima Hasao where about 26 farmers including the forest officials participated. The farmers as well as forest officials were taught about the maintenance of brood lac and host plants.

During the awareness programmes, about sixty seedlings and about five kilogram of seeds of lac host plant, called *Flemingia semialata* were distributed free of cost to the enthusiastic farmers for initiation of lac farm with. Requests have also been received from Karbi Farmers Association, Diphu, Karbi Anglong for supply of more numbers of *F. semialata* seedlings.

GLIMPSES OF SEMINAR CUM AWARENESS PROGRAMME



Sri D. Gurung while imparting training at Diphu, Karbi Anglong organized by Karbi Farmer's Association



Farmers and people who attended the Seminar on Lac cultivation at Diphu, Karbi Anglong



Distribution of seedling of *F. semialata* at Diphu, Karbi Anglong



Additional Director (Hills) and Officials of Soil Conservation at Haflong,

Dima Hasao



Karbi New paper 'Thekar' covered the seminar on lac farming