

Training of Field Functionaries of Orissa Bamboo Development Agency, Bhubaneswar (Odisha)

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam) conducted a week-long training programme for field functionaries of Orissa Bamboo Development Agency, Bhubaneswar (Odisha) under National Bamboo Mission from 6th to 10th April, 2015. There were seventeen participants including Deputy Conservator of Forests, Forest Range Officers, Artisans and Farmers. These Trainees represented different Field Units of OBDA covering entire State of Odisha.

The Training Programme was inaugurated by Dr. R. K. Borah, Group Coordinator (Research), RFRI, Jorhat. He welcomed all the trainees and spoke about the importance of bamboo to the rural livelihood generation, not only of NE Region but also in entire India. He emphasised on the need of value addition of bamboo products to get good market.

Sri R. K. Kalita, Head, Forestry Extension and Training Coordinator of the Institute briefly presented about the research and development activities of the Institute to the Trainees.

Inaugural Session was followed by various technical sessions: theory as well practical sessions. Dr. T. C. Bhuyan, Scientist (Rtd.) imparted training on different aspects such as Overview of Bamboos in the Country - Choice of Species, Propagation and Nursery Management of Bamboo, Bamboo Cultivation and Management, Product Diversification and Value Addition.

Other topics covered were disease and insect pest problems in bamboo and their management by Sri R. K. Kalita, vermicomposting application in bamboo by Sri Niren Das, bamboo preservation techniques and bamboo charcoal production by Sri D. Gurung, bamboo improvement programme-selection of superior clumps by Md. Ibrahim and tissue culture in bamboo by Sri Satyam Bordoloi. Practical demonstrations and field identification of bamboo session were taken by Sri Kumud Borah and Sri Debojit Neog.

The Trainees also visited the RFRI Demo Village and Gibbon WLS and Kaziranga National Park. They also interacted with local Assamese villagers and learnt about manifold uses of bamboo.

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

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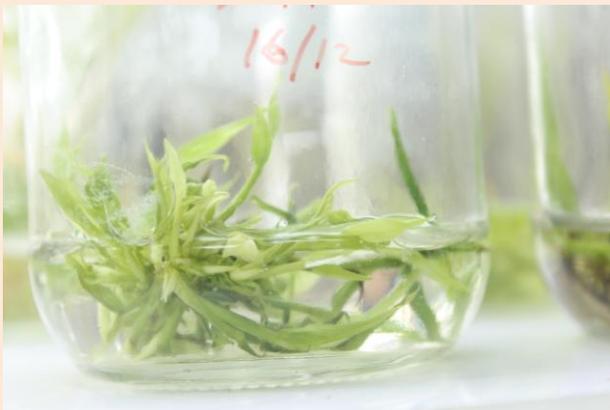
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