

Skill Development and Capacity Building Training of Rural Youth for Livelihood Generation through Bamboo Handicrafts

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat organized a skill development and capacity building programme to 32 rural youth of Assam for livelihood generation through bamboo handicraft from 6th to 22nd, September, 2016 at its Bamboo Composite Centre. The participants were trainees students of Mishing tribes from Institute for Cultural and Rural Development (I-CARD), Baghchung, Jorhat and young tribal youth from Dima Hasao district of Assam. There were 22 male and 10 female trainees. Trainee students of I-CARD were from Majuli, Lakhimpur, Sonitpur, Dhemaji and Tinsukia districts of Assam.

Inaugurating the training programme on 6th September, 2016, Dr. R. S. C Jayaraj, Director of the Institute gave brief introduction on importance of capacity building and skill development of youth through bamboo handicrafts. He told that cottage industry is the second most important sector after agriculture which contributes large number of employment opportunities in India. In North Eastern region of India, bamboo as natural resource plays immense role in rural economy. If properly utilizable, bamboo has the capacity to bring revolution in NE region.

Shri R. K. Kalita, Training Coordinator & Head, Forestry Extension Division described in details about the training programme to be conducted. Fr. K. A. Thomas, Director of I-CARD also spoke on the occasion.

First technical session of the training programme was on sensitization of the trainees on bamboo. Shri R. K. Kalita, Training Coordinator & Head, Forestry Extension Division gave a detailed power point presentation on various aspects of bamboo. It was followed by visit to the bamboo nursery and bambusetum.

The training was imparted by two master trainers, namely, Sri Mohan Saikia and Sri Sanjib Duarah from Bokota, Sivasagar (Assam). Sri Deba Kanta Borah and Sri Nripen Gogoi assisted during training programme. During the training various techniques for making specialized type of bamboo products such as Sofa, Bed, Bamboo jewellery, hair clips etc were taught and demonstrated. The Trainees whole heartedly participated in the training programme and acquired the basic skilled involved in making above items.

The valedictory session was organized on 22nd September, 2016 where Dr. R. S. C. Jayaraj, Director, RFRI, Jorhat; Fr. K. A. Thomas, Director, I-CARD, Jorhat; Sri Mohan Saikia, Master Trainer and other Scientists, Officers, Staff and other members of the Institute were present.

Sri Mohan Saikia explained the participants about their skill and devotion to the work. He emphasized on quality production so that one can compete in the present market.

Fr. K. A. Thomas, Director, I-CARD expressed his gratitude to the Director, RFRI and his team for their support and encouragement in the development of bamboo sector. He explained the brief journey of I-CARD and future course of action. He also mentioned that I-CARD had the privilege of participating in this type of training several times before.

Dr. R. S. C. Jayaraj, Director, RFRI also spoke on the occasion and requested participants to take advantage of the skilled they got during training and take bamboo as their livelihood in future.

During the valedictory session, the Trainees mesmerized the audience exhibiting their talents through songs and dance. The session was conducted by Sri Sankar Sarma, Jr. Hindi Translator.

GLIMPSES OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME



















