

RFRI CONDUCTS SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING ON BAMBOO SHOOT PROCESSING AND VALUE ADDITION

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam) conducted a three-day long *Skill Development Training on Bamboo Shoot Processing and Value Addition* during 25-27 May, 2022 at Forest Research Centre for Bamboo & Rattan, Aizawl (Mizoram). The Training was sponsored by Bamboo Technical Support Group (BTSG) of Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education (ICFRE), which in turn was funded by National Bamboo Mission (NBM), Government of India. There were eighteen trainee participants who were nominated by Mizoram Bamboo Mission.

The Training was inaugurated by Dr. Elizabeth Saipari, Director, Department of Horticulture and Mission Director, Mizoram Bamboo Mission, Govt. of Mizoram. Shri R.K. Kalita, Course Director of the Training Programme delivered the welcome address. He appreciated the Mizoram Bamboo Mission for taking keen interest in conducting the Training.

In her address during the inaugural session, Dr. Saipari highlighted the importance of bamboo shoot processing and value addition for the people of the State. She urged the trainees to learn the procedure since they were expected to provide similar trainings in future in different parts of Mizoram. Other Senior Officers from Department of Horticulture, Government of Mizoram, namely, Pu L. Lalhmingmawia Pachuau, Joint Director; Dr. Carmelita Lalchhanhimi Pachuau, Assistant Director and Pu T. Liankunga, Project Officer graced the Inaugural Session and spoke on the occasion.

In the first Technical Session, Shri R.K. Kalita delivered a presentation on '*Bamboo: A Wonder Plant with Multifarious Utilizations*' and sensitized the participants. He talked about the species diversity, distribution, various propagation methods and cultivation practices. He sensitized the participants on various applications of bamboo. He informed that bamboo has more than 1500 applications. The North Eastern Region comprising of seven states, Sikkim and some parts of North Bengal is inhabited by large number of indigenous tribal communities with diverge linguistic, socio-economic and cultural background and practicing semi-nomadic to settle agrarian farming system. This region constitutes around 7.7% of India's total geographical area but home of more than 100 cultures of indigenous people and varying agro-climatic conditions raging from tropical rain forests to alpine cold arid environ. More than 65% of total bamboo species of India are available in this Region. Bamboo plays a crucial role in rural economy of this Region.

Shri Pranjal Kumar Goswami was the Resource Person for this training programme. Initially, he spoke about various facts related to bamboo shoots, particularly nutritional security that has been provided by bamboo shoot.

Most of the Sessions were hands-on session. The trainees participated in various hands-on sessions and prepared different value added products of Bamboo Shoot. During this training programme, following were eight various value added products were made:

1. Bamboo Shoot with King Chilly
2. Bamboo Shoot with Mango
3. Bamboo Shoot with Olive
4. Bamboo Shoot with Garlic and Chili
5. Bamboo Shoot with Tamarind
6. Bamboo Shoot with Pork
7. Bamboo Shoot with Dry Fish
8. Bamboo Shoot with Lemon

Besides, the trainees were also taught about the processing of raw bamboo shoots and its preservation process so that these are made available throughout the year. Shri Goswami also taught about the project formulation for setting up a Bamboo Shoot Based Entrepreneur.

On 27th May, 2022, the Valedictory Session was graced by Pu L. Lalhmingmawia Pachuau, Joint Director, Department of Horticulture, Government of Mizoram. In his valedictory address, he appealed to the participants to disseminate the knowledge and experience gained during the training for the betterment of the people of the State. Certificates were distributed to the trainee participants.

GLIMPSES OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

Inaugural Session



Technical Sessions





Hands-on Sessions







Valedictory Session



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