

EXPOSURE VISIT OF FARMERS, BAMBOO GROWERS, ARTISAN ETC. UNDER APART PROJECT

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam) conducted an Exposure visit of thirty Farmers, Bamboo Growers, Women, Artisans, Youths under APART Project of *Krishi Vigyan Kendra*, Jorhat on 17th August, 2022. The main objective of the Exposure Visit is to acquaint them with various forest based entrepreneurial activities of the Institute.

Shri R. K. Kalita, Head, Extension Division welcomed the Team along with other Officials of KVK, Jorhat. He delivered a presentation on Role of Forest Based Entrepreneurs on Self-Employment. He dealt with various entrepreneurial activities of the Institute such as Bamboo, Agarwood, Lac, Broom Grass, Vermicompost etc. He sensitized the participants on various uses of bamboo and its role in livelihood earnings of people. Bamboo Nursery, Bamboo cultivation, Bamboo Shoot Processing and Value Addition, Bamboo Charcoal and Briquetting, Bamboo Handicrafts etc are some of the ventures through which people have the scope to diversify their livelihood opportunities. He also mentioned about the research and developmental work of the Institute on Agarwood. He mentioned that Institute has developed nursery protocol, cultivation protocol and artificial inoculation protocol of Agarwood. He mentioned that the Institute has identified the causal agents responsible for induction of Agar oil and developed a formulation for artificial inoculation which was released to the public by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam on 19th August, 2022.

Shri Kalita also sensitized the participants on Lac Cultivation and its applications. Broom Grass is another easily cultivable plant which has very high potential for income generation. He gave the example of Meghalaya which is considered as Broom Grass Capital of India. Vermicompost also has tremendous potential. It has manifold advantages that include waste management, reducing environmental pollution, improving soil conditions and moreover, income enhancement.

Shri Kalita guided the Participants to show various field activities of the Institute. He led them to Bambusetum, Bamboo Nursery, Bamboo Composite Centre, Bamboo Shoot Processing Unit, Bamboo Preservation Unit and *Bah Bithika*.

The Participants were highly satisfied and appreciated the Institute in its endeavour of diversification of livelihood avenues.

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