

BAMBOO HANDICRAFT TRAINING UNDER VVK, TRIPURA

Forest Research Centre for Livelihood Extension, Agartala (Unit under RFRI, Jorhat, Assam) organized training cum workshop programme on *Bamboo-Made Eco-Friendly Utility Products for Livelihood Development* under VVK, Tripura from 6th to 9th September, 2022. A group of 15 Tribal women from different localities in Takarjala area viz. Heman para, Haria kabra para, Tufania Mura para, Subha Chandra para, Khera Thakur para, Amtali para participated in the training programme. The participants were selected through YFI (Youth for Integration), a Tripura based NGO with the help of Chairman, Takarjala.

On the first day of training programme, inaugural session had started with the welcome address by Shri Niren Das, ACTO & Training coordinator, FRCLE, Agartala. Shri Das briefed the objective and importance of the training programme. In his welcome speech, he had expressed the need of preservation of traditional knowledge of usage of bamboo, encouraged the young generation to improve basketry product putting innovative thought and to extend the utilization so that bamboo products may reduce the use of plastic.

Entire hands-on training was imparted by Master Craftsman, Shri Sukramani Debbarma. Different techniques involved in making different bamboo handicrafts items were taught during the training programme: Flower Vase, Wall Hanging, *Chakhwikhok*, *Dula*, *Futa*, *Kiship*, *Koipata* and *Pakhuk*.

On the concluded day, interaction was held with the participants and participants' feedback was received. Shri Sudhyna Debbarma, Chairman, Takarjala had chaired the session as Chief Guest. He had expressed the importance of bamboo handicraft to engage and as a source of income to community. Shri Bibhuti Debbarma, President, YFI had also participated in the interaction and shared their knowledge and emphasized on production of quality bamboo products so that one can compete in the present market.

Participants had expressed their satisfaction and desired more training in future. A colorful chorus song was performed by the trainees at the valedictory Session. The training was concluded with the distribution of Certificates to the participants.

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GLIMPSES OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME



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