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Report of One Day Training Programme on 'Improvement of Livelihood through Non-Timber Forest Produce' at Seminar Hall, ERS&VVK, Sukna on 16th December, 2022

A training programme on 'Improvement of Livelihood through Non-Timber Forest Produce (NTFP)' was organized by Environmental Research Station (ERS) and Van Vigyan Kendra (VVK), Sukna, Darjeeling, West Bengal (a research centre under ICFRE-Institute of Forest Productivity) at Seminar Hall of ERS&VVK, Sukna on 16th December, 2022. The modules of the programme were set by Dr. Nitin Kulkarni, Director, Institute of Forest Productivity and implemented by Shri Pramod Chand Lakra, IFS, DCF, Officer-in-charge, Environmental Research Station (ERS) and Van Vigyan Kendra (VVK), Sukna, Darjeeling, West Bengal. The overview of the programme was given by Sh. Anshuman Das, Scientist 'B'. The welcome address of training programme was deliberated by Sh. Pramod Chand Lakra, IFS. The inaugural address was given by Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Scientist 'E' and Head, Forest Ecology and Climate Change Division, IFP, Ranchi. He highlighted on how NTFPs can help in improving the livelihood of farmers and forest fringe villages. The invited speaker for the training programme was Sh. Anil Rajak, Assistant Director of Agriculture, Govt. of West Bengal. During the inaugural session, Dr. Ramesh Jha, Chairman, Human Rights also addressed the house on the importance of NTFPs in North Bengal. The vote of thanks was given by Sh. Anshuman Das, Scientist 'B'. The programme was attended by 50 participants.

Forest fringe people of every corner of the world face a constant dilemma between economic development and pressure towards resource conservation. In the present days NTFPs have gained global attention due to their contribution to food security, household livelihood, Poverty reduction, Sustainable development and biodiversity conservation. NTFPs include twigs, leaves, inflorescence, flowers, fruits, medicinal plants, oils, gums, resins, honey, mushrooms, weaving and dyeing materials, aromatics, and recreation. Such useful products are also a vital source of economy, nutrition and sustenance for many forest-based communities around the globe.

It was actively supported by the staffs of ERS & VVK, Sukna, Darjeeling Sh. Raju Sharma, Sr. Technician, Sh. Chandan Roy, PA, Sh. Shankha Subhra Das, FA, Sh. Abhinash Biswakarma, FA. We had received a good response from the participants and were enthusiastic about the learnings. The farmers were really thoughtful and interacted with the resource persons about the NTFP.

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