

Training on Nursery and Plantation Management & Artificial Inoculation of Agar Tree

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam) conducted a training programme sponsored by three Progressive Farmers of Telengana State on ‘Nursery, Plantation Management & Artificial Inoculation of Agar Trees’ from 23rd to 24th February, 2017.

The training was inaugurated by Dr. R. S. C. Jayaraj, Director, RFRI, Jorhat who welcomed the trainees. Dr. Jayaraj explained different activities of RFRI to the participants and highlighted beneficial effects of growing this tree. Shri R. K. Kalita, Training Coordinator explained the training schedule to the Trainees.

Dr. R. K. Borah, Group Coordinator (Research) was the Course Director who conducted the entire training programme. He gave detailed presentation on nursery and plantation management techniques, artificial induction of agarwood, trade and other marketing aspects. After the presentation, the Trainees visited the Forest Pathology Laboratory for practical demonstrations. The Trainees visited the field of *Aquilaria malaccensis* within the Deovan Campus of the Institute where participants closely observed the plantation area for any artificial induction of Agarwood.

The Trainees were taken for field visit to Agar Plantation and Distillation Units at Amguri and Namti, Sivasagar (Assam). Dr. R. K. Borah guided the team who witnessed distillation units and also the process of wood preparation before distillation. They saw the Agar trees abundantly growing in the residential complexes of the villages.

At the valedictory session, certificates were distributed to the Trainees.







