

### RFRI conducts VVK Training at Jonai, Dhemaji (Assam)

**Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat** conducted a two-day training programme in collaboration with Assam Forest Department under Van Vigyan Kendra, Assam on 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 at Jonai, Dhemaji (Assam). The training was organized by Jonai Forest Range under Dhemaji Forest Division at Jonai Town Club Hall and Leku CAMPA nursery. The inaugural session of the training was attended by Sri R. K. Kalita, Scientist, RFRI, Jorhat; Sri B. B. Sandeep IFS, trainee ACF; Sri Dilip Talukdar, FRO; Sri Prafulla Kumar, Journalist and Sri Satyandra Doley, Local environmental worker apart from members of JFMC, farmers, Frontline staff of Forest Department, Sri R. Bhattacharyya from RFRI, Sri Arun Bora, Member Secretary, JFMC, Jonai Range etc.

Shri R. K. Kalita delivered a detailed presentation on different aspects of bamboo such as nursery and plantation management, value addition and preservation treatment. Shri R. Bhattacharyya gave elaborate presentation on vermicomposting and sensitized the trainees on various issues related to it.

Sri Motiur Rahman, Divisional Forest Officer, Dhemaji spoke on Bio gas and explained various schemes of government and appealed to the trainees to take advantage of the various programmes of government.

Sri Prafulla Kaman, news correspondent and environmental activist sensitized the trainees on importance of conservation of wildlife. He emphasized on conservation of Poba RF of Jonai.

Second day of the training programme was held at Leku CAMPA nursery. Shri R. K. Kalita gave detailed demonstrations on various propagation methods of bamboo. He also demonstrated the bamboo preservation treatment methods such as Boucherie method, Dipping and treatment by Boric acid-Borax method.

Shri R. Bhattacharyya gave demonstrations on vermicomposting techniques. He showed a low cost detachable vermicomposting bin and involved the trainees to do the work by themselves.

Shri Sandeep, IFS probationer also spoke on the occasion and appealed to the trainees to work for better management of natural resources so that they gain maximum benefit out of it.

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