

Certificate course on " Value addition and marketing of NTFPs (Plant Origin): Bamboo crafts" started under Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP)-ENVIS " Funded by Ministry of Environment , Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi at Forest Products Division, Forest Research Institute, Dehradun

Forest Research Institute , Dehra dun is organising a 400 hrs Certificate course on **“Value addition and marketing of NTFPs (Plant Origin): Bamboo crafts”** under **“Green Skill Development Programme”**, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, GOI from 13th Nov 2018 to 18th January 2019 . Ministry has taken up an initiative for skill development in the environment and forest sector to enable India's youth to get gainful employment and or/self-employment called Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP).The course aims at development of green skilled workers having technical knowledge on bamboo species their availability and selection for variety of products, conversion and primary processing through indigenous machines , preservation, seasoning, finishing, product making viz; agarbatti stick making, basketry design making, decorative products, bamboo composites for panels, furniture , construction of bamboo low cost shelter houses and sheds. The National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD) under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India will help in Entrepreneurial Orientation for capacity building of the trainees and will provide handholding support and informational inputs to the trainees for setting up their enterprises and marketing strategies. During the inaugural function of the course Dr. Savita, Director, FRI has mentioned that MoEF&CC has taken a great initiative in launching GSDP under which many certificate courses are being run by various institutes of ICFRE. Director FRI interacted with the trainees and encouraged them as well as appreciated their enthusiasm. She emphasized the need of judicious utilization of bamboo for variety of products through scientific

processing for skill development and livelihood generation. Dr. Sadhna Tripathi, Scientist-G and Project leader informed major topics to be covered during the training and stated that the focus is on hands on training to impart the practical knowledge to full fill the objectives of the course. She elaborated that there are several machines for bamboo processing in CFCBPT on which training would be imparted. Dr. Santan Barthwal, Coordinator ENVIS RP, FRI explained about the objectives of the Green Skill Development Programme of Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, GoI. Total 25 participants are enrolled for training course including 10 women candidates. The participants are from different states viz; Telangana , Uttrakhand, Haryana , Delhi and Uttarpradesh. On the occasion Dr. D.P. Khali, Scientist, Dr. Ajmal, Scientist, Project Investigators, Dr. Uperti, Head, Forest Products, Dr. Meena Bakshi, Dr. Topwal and other Scientist were present.



