

RFRI conducted Skill Development Training for Eri Entrepreneurs

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam), Jorhat conducted Skill Development Training for Eri Entrepreneurs from 10th to 21st September, 2018. A total of 20 participants from Jorhat, Sivasagar, Golaghat, Majuli districts of Assam and Dimapur of Nagaland attended the training. The training is sponsored by Central Silk Board through Central Muga Eri Research & Training Institute, Lahdoigarh, Jorhat (Assam) under a project namely, Standardization and Popularization of Treated Bamboo Products in Ericulture.

The training was inaugurated by Dr. R. S. C. Jayaraj, Director, RFRI, Jorhat and attended by Dr. Ranjana Das, Director (i/c), CMERTI, Lahdoigarh, Jorhat and Dr. D. K. Jigyasu, Scientist B, CMERTI, Lahdoigarh, Jorhat apart from Scientists of RFRI, Jorhat and trainees. Dr. Jayaraj told that bamboo objects are largely used in sericulture all over India. When bamboo objects are made from untreated bamboo, these last for very short period of time, say 1-2 years. But bamboo products made from treated bamboo last more than ten years. This reduces the cost of replacement of these objects. There is great scope of enhancing livelihood of rural people by adopting sericulture and also manufacturing of bamboo products for the sector

The resource persons who imparted training were Sri R. K. Kalita, Dr. Runumee D. Barthakur and Sri Mohan Saikia. Apart from them, Sri Deba Kanta Borah and Sri Nripen Gogoi also assisted the trainees. Sri R. K. Kalita gave a detailed presentation on bamboo and its wide range of products. He informed that there are more than 1500 application of bamboo. In sericulture, large number of products is manufactured from bamboo.

The trainees were demonstrated various methods of bamboo treatment. Dr. R. D. Barthakur gave hand-on-training on bamboo treatment. Sri Mohan Saikia who is the Master Craftsman of the training was closely involved in the entire training period. He taught the trainees various technical skills required for making of bamboo objects such as basic measurement, making of slivers, making frame, knot binding, polishing, finishing etc. All the trainees whole heartedly participated and mingled with training activities.

The trainees also visited CMERTI, Lahdoigarh, Jorhat and Rudrasagar Silk Industry at Dimow, Sivasagar. Sri R. K. Kalita, Training Coordinator, extensively planned and executed entire training programme.

Valedictory session was attended by Dr. R. S. C. Jayaraj, Director, RFRI who congratulated the trainees. Certificates were distributed to the participants. The participants expressed their satisfaction and opined that they had learnt many new things during the training.



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