

BAMBOO PROPAGATION, CULTIVATION AND MANAGEMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD

TRAINING PROGRAMME FROM 24-28, SEPTEMBER, 2012

A five days Training Programme on 'Bamboo Propagation, Cultivation and Management for Sustainable Livelihood' sponsored by State Institute of Rural Development, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi has been organized at Institute of Forest Productivity, Ranchi from 24.09.2012 to 28.09.2012.

The main objectives of the programme was to generate awareness among the Bharat Nirman Volunteers and farmers on importance of bamboo, new generation value added products and motivate them in extending lands under bamboo cultivation and setting up of bamboo based production and processing units in Jharkhand. A total of 31 Bharat Nirman Volunteers from Sonahatu Blocks of Ranchi District, Jharkhand attended the training.

The programme was inaugurated by Sri Rameshwar Das, IFS, Director, Institute of Forest Productivity, Ranchi and Sri Parameshwar Bhakat, Dy. Director, SIRD graced the occasion as Chief Guest. In his brief but thoughtful inaugural address Sri Das elaborated on the bamboo wealth of Jharkhand and future market prospects in bamboo sector. He also expected that the challenge of livelihood support through bamboo can be achieved by the young volunteers attended the training programme. Dr. Sabhapati Nath, the Training Coordinator gave an overview of the programme and emphasized on the regional leadership of IFP, Ranchi in organizing such training programmes.

Apart from the Director and Training Coordinator, Dr. Sharad Tiwari, Scientist E, Dr. Sanjay Singh, Scientist E, Dr. Animesh Sinha, Scientist D, Dr. Malavika Ray, Scientist D, Dr. Arvind Kumar, Scientist C, Smt. Ruby S. Kujur, Scientist C, Sri Aditya Kumar, Scientist B, Sri Pankaj Singh, Research Officer, Dr. M. V. Durai, Research Officer, Miss Nimmy Srivastava, JRF acted as resource persons and deliberations have been made on bamboo distribution, cultivation, selection of superior planting stocks, propagation, diseases and pests, treatments, utilities, medicinal uses, processing, preservation, value addition, bamboo based entrepreneurships and economics etc. On hand nursery demonstration on bamboo propagation has been conducted by Sri Satish Kumar, RA II and Sri Suraj Kumar, TA C of the Institute. Field visits for the volunteers have also been arranged in Bambusetum, Herbal Garden, Model Nursery, Tissue Culture Laboratory, Soil Laboratory and Seed testing laboratory of the Institute.

Sri R. P. Singh, IFS, Director, SIRD, Ranchi attended the valedictory session and briefed the trainee on the usefulness of Self Help Groups and Cooperatives for both

cultivation, setting up bamboo based cottage industries and value addition units for livelihood support even at their own villages.



