

SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING ON BAMBOO SHOOT PROCESSING AND VALUE ADDITION

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam) conducted a three-day long *Skill Development Training on Bamboo Shoot Processing and Value Addition* during 22-24 September, 2022 at Forest Research Centre for Livelihood Extension, Gandhigram, Agartala (Tripura). The Training was sponsored by Bamboo Technical Support Group (BTSG) of Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education (ICFRE), which in turn was funded by National Bamboo Mission (NBM), Government of India. There were eighteen participants from different districts of Tripura. The Training was inaugurated by Shri Loken Das, General Manager, NABARD, Tripura. In his inaugural address, Shri Das advised the participants to make the habit of saving from their earnings. He appreciated RFRI, Jorhat for organizing such type of training at Tripura for upliftment of youth. The value addition of the bamboo shoots will increase the income of the people, he added.

In the first Technical Session, Shri R.K. Kalita delivered a presentation on '*Bamboo: A Wonder Plant with Multifarious Utilizations*'. He talked about the species diversity, distribution, various propagation methods and cultivation practices. He sensitized the participants on various applications of bamboo.

Shri Pranjal Kumar Goswami, a young entrepreneur from Guwahati was the Resource Person for the training programme. Initially, he spoke about various facts related to bamboo shoots, particularly nutritional security that has been provided by bamboo shoot. Most of the Sessions were hands-on session. The trainees participated in various hands-on sessions and prepared ten different value added products of Bamboo Shoot.

Besides, the trainees were also taught about the processing of raw bamboo shoots and its preservation process so that these are made available throughout the year. Shri Goswami also taught about the project formulation for setting up a Bamboo Shoot Based Entrepreneur.

In the valedictory session, Dr. Wangdrup Bhutia, Conservator of Forest, Tripura Forest Department attended as Chief Guest. He distributed the certificates to the trainee participants.

GLIMPSES OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME



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There were 19 trainee participants from different districts of Tripura. The

Training was inaugurated by Loken Das, General Manager, NABARD who told the audience to avoid taking unnecessary loan as far as possible since loan will give present relief but it will increase liability in future.

R. K. Kalita, Head, FRCLE, welcomed the Chief Guest and other trainees.

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Pranjal Kumar Goswami, an entrepreneur from Guwahati was the Resource Person for the training programme. Besides, the trainees were also taught about the processing of raw bamboo shoots and its preservation process so that these are made available throughout the year. Goswami also taught about the project formulation for setting up a Bamboo Shoot Based Entrepreneur. Valedictory Session of the Training was held on Saturday. Dr. Wangdrup Bhutia, IFS, Conservator of Forests, Tripura Forest Department attended the occasion as Chief Guest. He distributed the Certificates to the successful trainee participants.