RFRI CONDUCTS TRAINING ON BAMBOO NURSERY AND MANAGEMENT

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam) conducted weeklong training programme on ‘Training on Bamboo Nursery and Management’ from 20\textsuperscript{th} to 25\textsuperscript{th} January, 2020 for farmers, NGO members, JFMC members, Forest Frontline staff etc, sponsored by Bamboo Technical Support Group (BTSG) - Indian Council of Forestry Research Education (ICFRE). There were twenty seven participants in the training programme.

The Training programme was inaugurated by Dr. R. S. C. Jayaraj, Director, RFRI, Jorhat. Shri R. K. Kalita, Course Director of the Training Programme briefly spoke about the training content to be taught during this period.

First technical presentation was delivered by Dr. R. S. C. Jayaraj, Director, RFRI, Jorhat on ‘Role of Bamboo in Rural Economy of North Eastern Region of India. In his presentation, he touched on bamboo biodiversity in India, bamboo growing stock, priority species, constraints in bamboo resource use and steps required for resource and productivity enhancement.

Shri R. K. Kalita, Scientist E, delivered presentation on ‘Bamboo and its Propagation Methods, Nursery Management’. Dr. T. C. Bhuyan, Retired Scientist of RFRI, Jorhat delivered his presentation on ‘Bamboo Plantation and Management’ The trainees visited RFRI Bambusetum and Bamboo Composite Centre. Shri Debojit Neog, Technical Assistant, apprised various identification characters of different species of bamboo so that species may easily be identified. Shri Kumud Bora, Technical Officer, conducted practical sessions on bamboo propagation methods, preparation of nursery bed, planting methods etc.

Shri Bhabesh Gogoi, Assistant Professor, Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat delivered a presentation on “Bamboo based agroforestry system”.

Shri R. K. Kalita, Scientist E, delivered a presentation on pest and disease problems of bamboo and their management. He also demonstrated preservation techniques for bamboo treatment.

Shri Rajarshi Bhattacharyya, Technical Officer, conducted theory as well as practical sessions on application of vermicomposts in bamboo nursery and plantations.

As a part of field visit, the trainees visited Garopaban JFMC Site, Geleki, Sivasagar to witness bamboo plantations. Shri Niran Gogoi, President of the Garopaban JFMC guided the trainees.
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