

FRCLE, AGARTALA CONDUCTS WORKSHOP ON HAND MADE WATER BOTTLES OF BAMBOO

Forest Research Centre for Livelihood Extension, Agartala (Tripura) conducted a training workshop on ‘Bamboo Craft Work for Hand Made Water Bottles’ during July 20 to 24, 2020 at Nandan Nagar in West Tripura Distt. Eight tribal artisans participated in the training. Participation was limited so that COVID-19 related guidelines could be followed during the training workshop. Taking note of the significance of forest-based livelihood, the Centre organized the programme in collaboration with Youth for Integration (YFI) which is an Agartala based NGO, which came forward to organize this programme under their skill development training program for the tribal youth of the state. It was organized under the FRC-LE theme “Bamboos Beat Plastic Pollution”.

Forty bamboo bottles were made during the training period. All technical skills of making the bottles were imparted by three Master Craftsmen. Bamboos used for making bottles were first treated with herbal extracts. Sizing, cutting, polishing, fitting, etc., were taught to the Artisans. It was found that with minimal skill and minimal machinery one Artisan can make 4-5 bottles a day and can earn about Rs. 1000 per day. The Artisans are now equipped with the technique of making bamboo bottles (steel/copper bottles coated with bamboo) to earn livelihood.

It has been observed that demand for Bamboo Bottles are increasing day by day. FRC-LE and YFI are looking forward to train more numbers of unemployed youth to take up this venture in future. Certificates were distributed to the Artisans during the Valedictory Session.

GLIMPSES OF THE TRAINING WORKSHOP





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