

## **Report on Two days Training Programme on 'Lac cultivation, processing and its management' held from 18<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2021**

**At Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur (MP)**

A two days training cum demonstration programme on '**Lac cultivation, processing and its management**' was organized from 18<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 for 12 Women Self Help Groups of Jabalpur District (MP) by Silviculture, Forest Management and Agroforestry Division of Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur (MP). On the Inaugural session, Dr.G.Rajeshwar Rao, ARS, Director, TFRI accentuated on Value chain of Lac based products for income generation. He also motivated to the SHGs to come forward and create a history like 'Amul' group and become 'Self Reliant'. Leaflet on '**Lac cultivation, processing and its management**' was also released by the dignitaries on the event. Dr. Nanita Berry, Training co-ordinator, informed about the training programme and elaborated about the project activities including revival of lac cultivation with scientific inputs by the involvement of these women SHGs. This training programme is the second step to show hands on training to the groups to make valuable products like bangles, wall hangings, plates and saree pins at commercial level, she added. Shri C.L.Pardhi, Lac merchant, has given brief about the value added products and its market value. He shared his experience working with the groups of Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan. He motivated farmers to manufacture Lac based product within village areas in a cluster. Dr. Nanita Berry, acknowledge valuable guidance of Dr.G. Rajeshwar Rao, ARS, Director, TFRI and Dr. S.Saravanan, Head, Forest Extension division for organizing the programme. All the Head od divisions and Scientists of the division has attended the programme. The programme was well assisted by Shri ITK Dilraj, STO, Shri JJ Satpati, TO, Shri Saurabh Dubey, STA and Ms. Nikita Rai,STA alongwith project staff. The programme was conducted by Ms.Ekta Barkade, JPF and Mr.Ritik Sonkar,PA, Mr.Akash Shukla, JRF.





**Plate 1: Leaflet on 'Lac cultivation & processing and management' released by Director, TFRI during the inaugural session of training programme**



**Plate2. – Dr. G. Rajeshwar Rao, Director, TFRI addressing the participants during the event**





**Plate 3. Dr. Nanita Berry, Training co-ordinator informing about the "Lac cultivation & its management"**



**Plate 4 – Shri S. L. Pardhi, Lac Merchant (Balaghat, M.P.) explaining about Lac Processing**





**Plate 5. A view of training programme**



**Plate 6. – Thermal scanning of participants under CORONA Protocol**





**Plate 7. - . Hands on training on Lac processing**



**Plate 8 - Women learning of Bengal making during the training**





**Plate 9 – Lac products made by Participants**





**Plate 10. Women SHGs during the event**



**Plate 11. Followed protocol of CORONA during the event**

