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RFRI CONDUCTS CERTIFICATE COURSE ON BAMBOO CRAFT UNDER GREEN SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam) started a Certificate Course on Bamboo Craft under Green Skill Development Programme from 11th February, 2019 to 23rd March, 2019. There are about twenty five participants. The programme is sponsored by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India under Green Skill Development Programme. This is an initiative for skill development in the environment and forest sector to enable India's youth to get gainful employment and /self-employment. The skilling programmes cover diverse fields such as pollution monitoring (air/water/soil), Sewage Treatment Plant, Effluent Treatment Plants and Common Effluent Treating Plants (STP/ETP/CETP) operation, waste management, forest management, water budgeting, auditing, conservation of river dolphins, wildlife management, para-taxonomy, including Peoples' Biodiversity Register (PBRs), mangroves conservation, bamboo management and livelihood generation. The duration of the courses ranges from 80 hours to 560 hours.

At the outset, Dr. R. S. C. Jayaraj, Director, RFRI, Jorhat welcomed all the participants and other dignitaries. He explained about the importance of bamboo and its role in social and economic transformation, particularly, of people of North Eastern Region of India. He told that more than 45% bamboo resources of India are available in NER.

Ms Davinder Suman, IFS, Divisional Forest Officer, Jorhat, the Guest of Honour, appreciated the effort of RFRI in organizing such long term training for skill development. She appealed to the participants to learn various skills associated with bamboo craft during the training programme.

Dr. Jayanta Deka, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat was the Chief Guest of the Inaugural Session and inaugurated the Training programme. He put emphasis on up-scaling of individual skills so as to earn own livelihood. He lauded the efforts of RFRI for involving people for livelihood generation through skill development.

Shri Tridib Dutta, Designer of Jorhat will be constantly involved with the training on various skills involved in bamboo craft.

Shri R. K. Kalita, Head, Extension Division and Course Director of the training conducted the entire programme. He briefed about the programme and appealed to the participants to make full use of the

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training. He briefed about the course outline which include theory, practical and field visit to Tripura and Nagaland.

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