

Report on
Three days training for farmers and unemployed youth under
VVK Mizoram,
on
“To develop value added products and extend utilization of
bamboo to support livelihood”
FRCBR, Aizawl
12th -14th February, 2020

A group of 20 farmers and unemployed youths (17 women including youth and 3 men) from different localities viz. Bethlehem Vengthlang, Chite Veng and Armed Veng of Aizawl were invited and organized the training at FRCBR, Bethlehem Vengthlang, Aizawl during 12th to 14th February, 2020.

On 12th February (1st day), after the registration of the participants, inaugural session had started with the welcome address of Sh. H. R. Bora, Head, FRCBR. He briefed the objective and importance of the training programme. In his welcome speech, he had expressed the need of preservation of traditional knowledge of usage of bamboo, encourage young generation, improve basketry product putting innovative thought and extend field of utilization so that bamboo product may reduce the use of plastic.

Sh. H. Lianmawia, Conservator of Forests (R & D), Department of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Govt of Mizoram had chaired the inaugural session as chief guest. Sh. H. Lianmawia had expressed the importance of bamboo handicraft to engage and as a source of income to community. He stressed the importance to develop diverse bamboo products which can be used to replace plastic.

In the second session on 12th February, Ms Malsawmtluangi, M. Phil, Hnam Chhantu Pawl (a Aizawl based NGO), Aizawl, was invited as resource person,

who had delivered lecture on indigenous knowledge on traditional basketry of Mizos, its different design, market demand, need of community involvement, etc. She reiterated the importance to preserve the indigenous knowledge on basketry and need of up gradation and promotion and to extend used.

On 13th February (2nd day), Mrs Kaphnuni, Govt of Mizoram Recognized Handicraft Instructor, and Mrs Laltlankimi Ralte, Armed Veng, Aizawl- a expert in preparation of traditional baskets were invited as resource persons for practical session. They had given practical knowhow to participants starting from preparation of slivers to making basket.

On 14th February (3rd day), had interaction with the participants and taken participants' feedback. Sh H.R.Bora, Chief Technical Officer and Sh. Sandeep Yadav, Scientist C, Sh. H. Lianmawia, CF and the resource persons had participated in the interaction and shared their knowledge. Participants had expressed their satisfaction and desired more training in future. Sh H. R. Bora, in his conclusive speech had expressed the need to develop a cluster amongst the participant for production of value added basketry items which have good demand in local as well national markets. The training was concluded with distribution of Certificate to participants.



Welcome address of Head, FRCBR to the participants and resource persons



Group photo of participants, resource persons, chief guest and scientists.



Lecture by Ms Malsawmtluangi, M.Phil
on
“Scope of basketry to engage and support livelihood with reference to Mizoram”



Participants are busy in making slivers and weaving traditional basket as instructed by resource persons



Indigenous tools for sizing of bamboo and preparing slivers



Interactive session



Distribution of certificate