Report on

FOUR DAYS DEMONSTRATION TRAINING FOR FARMERS AND UNEMPLOYED YOUTHS UNDER VVK MIZORAM AND EXTENSION

ON

"PROPAGATION OF BAMBOO, PREPARATION OF BRIQUETTE AND HANDI CFRAT ITEMS TO SUPPORT LIVELIHOOD"

17th -20th March, 2020

A group of 24 farmers and unemployed youths (21 women including youth and 3 men) from different localities viz. Armed Veng, Bethlehem Vengthlang, and Chite Veng, Aizawl were invited and organized the training at FRCBR, Bethlehem Vengthlang, Aizawl during 17th to 20th March, 2020.

On 17th March (1st day), after the registration of the participants, inaugural session had started with the welcome address of Sh. H. R. Bora, Head, FRCBR. He had briefed the objective and importance of the training programme. In his welcome speech, he had expressed the importance to encourage young generation to involve in production of diverse value added products which good demand in local as well as in national level and to support livelihood; also stressed the importance to develop expertness for producing quality planting materials of bamboos to meet the growing demand.

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 to build up expertness among the young generation in producing quality planting materials to develop plantation and value added bamboo products as a source of income.

On 17th and 18th March (1st and 2nd day), Mrs Laltlankimi Ralte, Armed Veng, Aizawl- an expert in preparation of traditional baskets/trays were invited as resource persons for practical session. She had given practical knowhow to participants starting from preparation of slivers to making bamboo tray. She had expressed to participant about the growing demand of bamboo tray in local market.

In the second half on 18th March, Sh. H.R. Bora, had given practical knowhow on preparation of bamboo charcoal as well as briquette; also stated about collection of bamboo vinegar, the fields of utilization of bamboo charcoal, its demand *etc*.

On 19th February (3rd day), Sh. Hans Raj, Scientist D and Lalhmingmawia, JPF had given practical knowhow to participants on macro-proliferation, culm and branch cuttings, layering *etc* of bamboo. Sh. Hans raj also acknowledged the importance to develop quality planting materials and its growing demand.

On 20th March, Sh H.R.Bora, Sh. Hans Raj, Scientist D, Ms Josephine Malsawmkimi JRF, Ms Lalrintluangi Fanai, JPF, and Mr Lalhmingmawia, JPF had taken part in the interaction sessions with the participants and shared their knowledge. Participants had expressed their satisfaction and desired more training on briquette preparation and vinegar collection.

Sh H. R. Bora, in his conclusive speech had expressed the need to acquire skill by the young generation to develop diverse value added products of bamboo as a source of income and management of quality bamboo resources to support sustainable livelihood. The training was concluded with distribution of Certificate to participants.



Group photo of Participants, Resource person, Head-FRCBR and Chief Guest



Speech of Chief Guest -Sh. H. Lianmawia, IFS



Participants busy in making slivers



Busy in stacking bamboo in Charcoal kiln



Preparation of Briquette



Interactive Session



Certificate distribution

