

## **RFRI CONDUCTS SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING ON BAMBOO NURSERY MANAGEMENT**

**Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam)** conducted a week-long ‘Skill Development Training on Bamboo Nursery Management’ from 29 June to 03 July, 2020 at its Campus. There were five participants from Deroi Forest Beat, under Sivasagar Forest Division. This training is a part of ‘Construction of Hi-tech Bamboo Nursery’ sponsored by State Bamboo Development Agency, Assam.

The Training started with the visit to Bambusetum of the Institute. Shri Debojit Neog, Technical Officer, guided the trainees to the field and explained different identifying characters of bamboo and showed various species of bamboos present in the Bambusetum. Hands-on demonstrations of various nursery techniques such as bed preparation, soil mixture preparation, soil Solarization, potting media preparation were conducted. Shri Neog taught various bamboo propagation methods such as offset, culm cutting, branch cutting and macro-proliferation.

Shri Rajarshi Bhattacharyya, Technical Officer, taught vermicomposting techniques. He demonstrated process of making low-cost composting and vermicomposting. He motivated the trainees on converting waste to wealth by making vermicomposting.

The Trainees also visited tissue culture laboratory, soil laboratory and bamboo composite centre of the Institute. Mrs. Sabi Gogoi, ACTO, also assisted the Training.

Dr. R. S. C. Jayaraj, Director, RFRI interacted with the trainees during the Valedictory Session which was organized on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2020. Dr. Jayaraj spoke about the growing importance of bamboo in NE Region. He congratulated the participants on successful completion of the training. Certificates were distributed to the participants.

Shri Bijoy Pradhan, DCF & Head, Silviculture and Forest Management Division, who conducted the training offered vote of thanks in the Valedictory Session.

## GLIMPSES OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME



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