

RFRI, JORHAT CONDUCTS AWARENESS PROGRAMME AT KARBI ANGLONG

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam) conducted an *Awareness Programme on Bamboo Charcoal Production and Briquetting* under National Mission of Himalayan Studies (NMHS) funded the project, ‘Promoting livelihood by bamboo charcoal production and briquetting to the selected forest fringe villages of Karbi Anglong District, Assam’ on 15th September, 2020 at Deithor, Karbi Anglong (Assam). The Programme was organized at the premises of a local NGO, “Holistic Life Transforming and Empowering Community”. Around thirty participants including *Gaon-burha* (Village Headman), NGO members and bamboo growers participated in the programme.

At the outset, Ms. Hermelin Bey, Secretary of the NGO welcomed RFRI officials with a traditional Karbi ‘*Poho*’. Dr. R. D. Barthakur, Principal Investigator of the Project detailed about the objective of the Awareness Programme. She delivered a power point presentation on “Bamboo Charcoal: A Holistic Utilization of Waste Bamboo”. She illustrated different basic information on bamboo charcoal production including charcoal making procedure, utilization of waste bamboo, processing and marketing of bamboo charcoal. She sensitized the participants about the optimum utilization of bamboo, how this work will uplift their livelihood and highlighted on the work plan of the project.

Shri R. K. Kalita, Head, Extension Division, RFRI, and Co-Principal Investigator of the Project delivered a brief speech on bamboo value addition and importance of bamboo plantation. Mr. Longki Bey, a local social worker expressed his opinion and appreciated the decision to select Deithor as project implementation site. Different *Gaon-burha* present in the meeting also assured all round support and cooperation for successful implementation of the project. They also expressed their happiness on selecting their locality for the project activities and they hope that such activities would definitely improve the economic status of the people.

The Awareness Programme ended with formal vote of thanks offered by Shri R. K. Kalita, HoD, Extension Division, RFRI (Jorhat).

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