

TRAINING ON BAMBOO CHARCOAL PRODUCTION AND BRIQUETTING

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat conducted a day-long training on Bamboo Charcoal Production and Briquetting on 13th November, 2020 under the project ‘Promoting livelihood by bamboo charcoal production and briquetting to the selected forest fringe villages of Karbi Anglong district, Assam’, funded by National Mission on Himalayan Studies (NMHS). Twenty participants including farmers and bamboo cultivators from different villages of Rongbong Ghat area of Karbi Anglong district of Assam participated in the training.

The training was inaugurated by Dr. R. S. C. Jayaraj, Director, RFRI. In his welcome speech, Dr. Jayaraj appreciated all the participants and encouraged them to plant commercially important tree species apart from bamboo like Agarwood and Sandalwood, which grows naturally in Karbi Anglong. Shri R. K. Kalita, Head, Extension Division and Co-Principal Investigator of the Project delivered a brief speech on value addition of bamboo and various bamboo made products. He also highlighted the ongoing research work on bamboo at the institute.

Dr. R. D. Borthakur, Principal Investigator of the Project delivered a detailed presentation on ‘Bamboo Charcoal: A value addition option of waste bamboo’. She spoke about the optimum utilization of bamboo and its role in upliftment of livelihood of communities.

Hands-on session was conducted on stacking and firing of bamboo in Brick-kiln. Techniques of making briquettes from bamboo charcoal were also demonstrated to the participants. The participants visited the RFRI Bambusetum, Bamboo Nursery and Botanical Garden.

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