

### RFRI CONDUCTS TRAINING ON BAMBOO CHARCOAL PRODUCTION AND BRIQUETTING

**Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam)** conducted a three-day long training programme on *Bamboo Charcoal Production and Briquetting* from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021. The program was organized 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 of Himalayan Studies (NMHS). Twenty (20) participants including farmers and bamboo growers from different villages of Lang khang and adjacent areas of Karbi Anglong district participated in the program. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. R. S. C. Jayaraj, Director, RFRI, who in his inaugural speech, appreciated the participants and encouraged them to use their abundant resources for their livelihood promotion and how this work can help them in long run.

Dr. R. D. Borthakur, Principal Investigator of the Project delivered a presentation on Bamboo Charcoal and shared basic information on bamboo charcoal production including charcoal making procedure, processing and marketing of bamboo and how they can earn livelihood by making bamboo charcoal and briquettes. Dr. Prasanta Hazarika, Co-PI of the project delivered a presentation on Plantation Management of Bamboo and practical demonstration on harvesting practices of bamboo.

In the practical session, hand-on demonstrations were given on stacking, firing of bamboo in Brick kiln and closing of the kiln after firing and processing. The trainees were also trained of preparation of binder, charcoal mixture and briquettes preparation at the demo centre of the Institute.

As a part of the training programme, the trainees also visited Nagaland Bamboo Resource Centre, Dimapur to get more exposure on Bamboo Charcoal and Briquetting. Mr. T. Jamir, In-charge of the Bamboo Charcoal Production Unit of NBRC demonstrated the entire process of Charcoal making and Briquetting.

The three-day long training ended with formal vote of thanks by Sri R. K. Kalita, Head, Extension Division. Certificates were distributed to the participants.

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## GLIMPSES OF THE TRAINING PROGRAM





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