

SKILL DEVELOPMENT ON BAMBOO HANDICRAFTS FOR PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE

Forest Research Centre for Livelihood Extension, Agartala (Tripura), a unit under RFRI, Jorhat conducted **Skill Development Training on Bamboo Handicrafts for Promotion of Community Enterprise**, under BTSG-ICFRE program, funded by National Bamboo Mission from 12th to 16th November, 2018. 25 young aspiring participants from various places of Tripura and Assam attended the training.

The training program was inaugurated by Sri Prasad Rao Vendarappa, DCF, Research Division, Govt. of Tripura. Sri Pawan K. Kaushik, Scientist-E, Head of Office, FRC-LE welcomed the participants. Sri Prasad Rao interacted with the trainees as well as trainers and motivated them to make some innovative items which will boost their future skill development and income purpose also.

After the inauguration program, an Interactive Session was held. Lectures were delivered and interactions were held with the trainees to exchange the ideas and experiences. Shri Prasad Rao, IFS, DCF, Research delivered a presentation on introduction of bamboo based handicrafts products in Tripura. Shri Pawan K Kaushik delivered a presentation on Development of Market Linkage for Handicrafts and Community Enterprise

The second session was the practical session where different groups were formed under the Master trainers. The trainees were given hand to hand training by Master trainer's specialist in various product developments.

The trainees were informed that the products made from the training will be showcased in an exhibition planned during valedictory session. Awards were also announced for best trainee artisan, best trainer, group-wise best display, best

innovative idea and design, best group with maximum number of quality products based on the assessment during the valedictory session.

On third day, the trainees under different groups continued developing products; targets were given to develop more products individually by the trainees. The trainees developed different utility products. In the afternoon session, interactions were held with all the trainers by FRC-LE Scholars about the product development process of different bamboo based handicraft items.

On fourth day, the valedictory session was organized and the products made during the three days were showcased in an exhibition. Sri Biplab Kumar Deb, Honorable Chief Minister of Tripura was invited as the Chief Guest and Sri Angshuman Dey, CEO, JICA Project (Phase-II) was invited as the Guest of Honour. Honorable Chief Minister held extensive interactions with various stakeholders for livelihood development in transforming Tripura. He stated about the making Tripura as a model state for growth through entrepreneurial spirit of people of Tripura. Awards were also distributed to the best trainee artisan, best trainer, group-wise best display, best innovative idea and design, best group with maximum number of quality products, by the.

On Fifth day the training program was concluded with a vote of thanks from Sri Pawan K Kaushik, Scientist-E & Head of Office, FRC-LE. All the participants were handed certificates. He also conveyed his thankfulness to all the trainees, support staffs, dignitaries for arrangement of the program and making it successful.

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