FIVE DAYS SPECIALIZED TRAINING

<u>ON</u>

AGROFORESTRY AND LAND MANAGEMENT

[16th to 20th September, 2013]

The Forest Research Institute (FRI), Dehradun conducted a 5 days specialized Training from $16^{th} - 20^{th}$ September 2013, on "**Agroforestry and Land Management**" for the farmers of state of Bihar under the Short Term Training Course 2013- 2014. The training was sponsored by Bihar Forest Department. Thirty (30) farmers from different districts of Bihar State and one (1) farmer from Gorakhpur district of Uttar Pradesh participated in the training. The group of farmers was accompanied with a Forest Officer of Bihar Forest Department.

Dr. P.P. Bhojvaid IFS, Director, Forest Research Institute (FRI), Dehradun inaugurated the training program. In his inaugural address he emphasized the importance of agroforestry practices and changing needs. He mentioned that there is a need to enhance productivity on a limited piece of land. He quoted that agroforestry would immensely be helpful in employment generation in Bihar, as in other states like Haryana. He told that through agroforestry, gap of demand and supply specially, fodder, fuel and timber could be fulfilled. Today, wood based industries are flourishing in every state and the Bihar State may be a State of Wood Based Industries.

Smt. Jayshree Ardey Head, Extension Division, while welcoming the participants and the dignitaries present, said that the training would improve their skills and provide mutual exchange of ideas. She also emphasized on promotion of agroforestry in Bihar State.

During technical session and field visits, technical knowledge on different aspects of Agroforestry and land management was imparted to farmers by the subject experts of FRI. A live demo on proliferation of bamboo was given to all farmers. The trainees got knowledge of silviculture and planting practices of agroforestry species and their potential. A field visit of poplar rich agroforestry area in Gurukulnarson of district Haridwar was also arranged.

All the Heads of Divison and other scientists, Dr. N.S.K. Harsh, Dr. M.K. Gupta, Dr. Mohd. Yousuf, Dr. Ombir Singh, Dr. Amit Pandey, Sh. H.P. Singh, Sh. Umesh Kumar, Dr. Charan Singh, Sh.

Rambir Singh and Dr. V.K. Dhawan were also present on this occasion. The entire training program was widely covered by media.



Director addressing the trainees



Director, FRI and Head, Extension Division interacting with participants



Trainees during a lecture



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Scientist teaching the farmers



Dy. CF on talk with participants



Scientist on talk with participants



Farmers in field



Demo on Bamboo proliferation



Distribution of certificates to participants



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Faculty members and participants altogether