IFP Ranchi trains Farmers on scientific cultivation of lac

Institute of forest productivity, Ranchi organized a 3 day training programme on 'Scientific lac cultivation' from 7^{th} to 9^{th} December 2011 at Ranchi. The programme was sponsored by State Forest Department for 10 farmers from Simdega District of Jharkhand.

The training was inaugurated by Sh. R. Das, Director, IFP Ranchi. Sh. Das, emphasized that Jharkahnd is traditionally stronghold of lac cultivation but in recent years lac production in the state has declined

considerably due to change of climatic conditions, lack of knowledge of modern cultivation practices and unavailability of healthy broodlac to farmers. Dr. Arvind Kumar, Head, Forest Protection Division and programme coordinator briefed about the technical content of the training and requested the farmers to actively interact with the faculty during the training. Senior scientist Dr. A.K. Mandal, Dr. Sanjay Singh and Sh. Pankaj Singh were also present on the occasion. Finally Dr. S. Nath, Head SLR Division proposed a vote of tanks.





The training consisted of a wholesome mix of extensive

classroom lectures and field demonstrations on importance and management of lac host plants; healthy broodlac production, management and its importance in lac production. Cultivation practices of lac rearing on a new emerging and promising bushy *Flemingia semialata* host plant and *Kusmi* lac cultivation on kusmi and rangini satrins of lac production was discussed in detail along with insect pests, parasite and diseases causing damage to the lac and their management. In addition, training incorporated with cost of inputs in lac rearing on different host plant and comparative economics benefits, uses of lac, product development, value addition and marketing.

The aim of this training was to develop master trainer in the field of scientific methods of lac cultivation on different host plant and their management at village level, so that they can promote the scientific methods of lac cultivation at grass-root level.

The event is well covered by local press media.













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