

IFP TRAINS FAMERS ON LIVELIHOOD GENERATION TROUGH NTFP AND MEDICINAL PLANTS

A one week training programme on "Livelihood Generation through Non-Timber Forest Products and Medicinal Plants" was organized at Institute of Forest Productivity, Ranchi in collaboration with State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD), Jharkhand from 08-12 October 2012. Twenty Seven (27) progressive farmers and panchyat heads attended the programme which constituted a wholesome mix of classroom lectures, field demonstrations and visit to prominent institutions engaged in the research and development in the arena.

At the outset the participants were welcomed by Sh. Rameshwar Das, Director, IFP Ranchi. In his welcome address Sh. Das emphasized on the potential of NTFPs in rural and tribal economy and vast avenues for livelihood generation from their sustainable utilization, value addition and efficient marketing. Dr. Sanjay Singh, Head Botany, Silviculture & NWFP Division and Training Coordinator briefly explained the structure and content of the programme. He said that apart from expertise available in the Institute, renowned resource persons from reputed institutions such as Central Tasar Research & Training Institute; Birla Institute of Technology: National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, Indian Institute of Legal Metrology have also been invited to deliver on important aspects. Chief Guest Sh. R. P. Singh, Director, SIRD appreciated the efforts of the Institute in designing of training module and stressed on the need of awareness generation and capacity building of rural-folk for optimizing benefits from the phenomenal wealth of NTFPs and medicinal plants in state of Jharkhand. Vote of Thanks was proposed by Dr. Sharad Tiwari, Head Extension Division. The proceedings of the training were conducted by Sh. Pankaj Singh, Research Officer.

During the Training the participants exhibited great enthusiasm and interacted with the resource persons. The topics on which information was provided included livelihood generation through Lac, Tasar, Bamboo, Tree- Bourne Oil Seeds, and Medicinal Plants including lemon grass. Expert also delivered on use of appropriate and low cost techniques, approaches for conservation, community mobilization, stock plant management, sustainable harvesting, vegetative propagation, value addition and drug development, management of pest and diseases, use of information systems in NTFP cultivation and profit making. Substantial contribution in the organization of training programme was made by Dr. S. Nath, Scientist-E, Dr. M. Ray, Scientist-D, Dr. A. Sinha, Scientist-D, Dr. Arvind Kumar, Scientsist-C, Sh. Aditya Kumar, Scientist-B,

Sh. D. K. Das, RO, Sh. R. S. Prasad, RO, Sh. S. N. Vaidya, RA I, Sh. Basant Kumar, Sh. R. K. Mahto and research scholars of Botany, Silviculture & NWFP Division.





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