#### CAPACITY BUILDING AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING ON BAMBOO HANDICRAFTS FOR RURAL YOUTH

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat organized a capacity building and skill development programmes to rural youth for livelihood generation from 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 at Gramin Cane & Bamboo Training Centre, Na Nath Gaon, Bokota, Sivasagar. A total of 26 (twenty six) trainees from different localities of Bokota participated in the training. The training was imparted by Shri Mohan Saikia, a reputed bamboo master trainer. He was assisted by Sri Prabhat Nath, Shri Krishna Gogoi, Shri Indra Kamal Phukan and Shri Basanta Nath from Bokota, Sivasagar (Assam).

During the course of training the participants ware trained in manufacture of Bamboo Tray, Ring, Ear ring, Pen, Flower, Flower vase, Decorative items, hair band, bangles and a specially designed comb which is used by the women during *Bihu* and other festivals of Assam.

On the closing day of the programme Shri Nareswar Baruah, Retired Teacher presided over the programme. Dr. Rajib Kumar Borah, Head of Forest Protection Division, RFRI, Jorhat division addressed the participants and assured full support of the organization and requested the trainees to devote their time for the development of bamboo based cottage industries in the interest of rural employment generation. He also presented the certificates to the participants of this training and also trainees who participated in a similar training held from 5-11 July, 2016 at Kasturba Gram Seva Kendra, Parijat, Bokota, Sivasagar (Assam). Damayanti Devi, State Executive member of Kasturba Trust, Shri Nabaranjan Mohon, Counsellor of Parijat Panchayat and Shri Monuranjan Boruah, social worker addressed the trainees. Shri Rebo Kanta Phukan, Teacher of Bokota offered vote of thanks.















