

## **TRAINING ON CAPACITY BUILDING OF RURAL YOUTH FOR LIVELIHOOD GENERATION THROUGH BAMBOO HANDICRAFTS**

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat organized a training programme on ‘Capacity Building of Rural Youth for Livelihood Generation through Bamboo Handicrafts’ under *Direct to Consumer* Project ‘Bamboo Based Entrepreneurship Development for Livelihood Generation through Capacity Building, Skill Up-Gradation of Artisans and Value Addition’ from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2015. Twenty six youths from States of Manipur and Assam participated in the training programme.

Dr. R. K. Borah, Group Coordinator (Research) inaugurated the Training programme and welcomed the trainees to the Institute. Sri R. K. Kalita, Training Coordinator spoke on the occasion and detailed about the training programme. Fourteen trainees were selected from the newly formed Demo Village of the Institute at Senapati district of Manipur with the help of FEEDS, an NGO working in the areas of environment and livelihood security. Another eleven trainees were selected from Malcha Village of Karbi Anglong district of Assam and one trainee was selected from Sivasagar District.

Before initiation of hands on training, the trainees were acquainted with various bamboo species preserved at RFRI Bambusetum. Sri Kumud Bora and Sri Debojit Neog briefed the trainees about the bamboo collection and how to identify the different species. Sri R. K. Kalita gave a power point presentation to sensitize the trainees on propagation, value addition and product diversification of bamboo. The presenter gave a holistic idea on bamboo to the trainees.

Entire hands-on training was imparted by four resource persons namely, Sri Mohan Saikia, Mrs. Rinu Phukan, Sri Debo Bora and Sri Nripen Gogoi. Different techniques involved in making the following bamboo handicrafts items were taught during the training programme: Bed, Sofa set, Chair, Centre Table, Flower Vase, Wall Hanging, Hair Clips, Pen, Hanger Tray etc.

The trainees were found to be highly dedicated and full with zeal and enthusiasm to work. They were novice but their persistence in work will make them skilled and perfect craftsperson.

Valedictory Session was organized on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2015. Sri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Jorhat graced the Occasion as Chief Guest. Dr. R. S. C. Jayaraj, Director, RFRI welcomed the Chief Guest with a traditional *Phulam Gamosa*. Sri R. K. Kalita, Training Coordinator presented a brief report of the training programme. The trainees from Manipur presented a beautiful song at the beginning of the Valedictory Session.

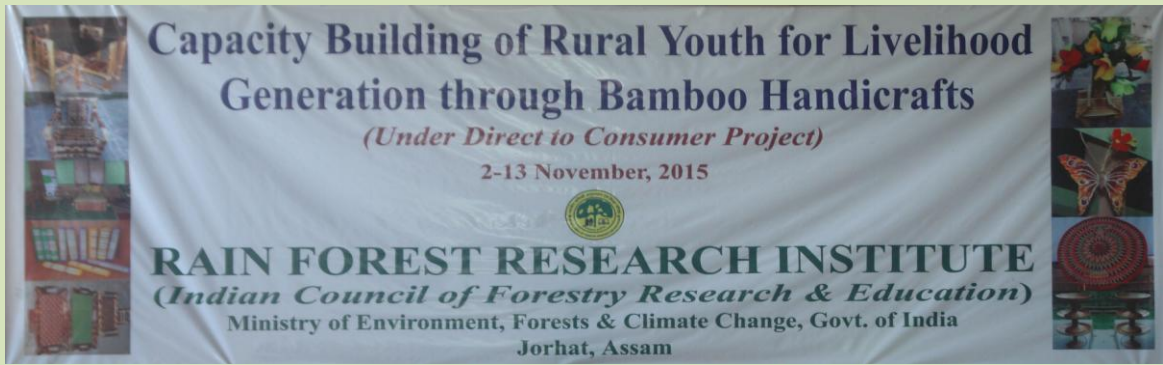
Speaking on the occasion, Hon'ble Member of Parliament highlighted the importance of bamboo in the lives of the people of North East. He emphasized on training of more and more people on different sectors of livelihood generation. He appreciated the efforts of RFRI in this direction.

Certificates were distributed to the trainees for successfully completing the training programme.

#### **List of Trainees**

<b>SN</b>	<b>Name of trainees</b>	<b>Address</b>
01	Ms. Pankhy phukan	Bokota, Sivasagar
02	Sri Kamson rongphar	Dolamara, Dist. Karbi Anglong
03	Sri Ronjon Nakbonshi	Dolamara, Dist. Karbi Anglong
04	Sri Nibbas Gorh	Dolamara, Dist. Karbi Anglong
05	Sri Sar-Im Singnar	Dolamara, Dist. Karbi Anglong
06	Sri Bijoy Rongphar	Dolamara, Dist. Karbi Anglong
07	Sri Aron Kro	Dolamara, Dist. Karbi Anglong
08	Sri Linus Engti	Dolamara, Dist. Karbi Anglong
09	Sri Amirson Ronghang	Dolamara, Dist. Karbi Anglong
10	Sri Sonjoy Bey	Dolamara, Dist. Karbi Anglong
11	Sri Sarmon Teron	Dolamara, Dist. Karbi Anglong
12	Sri Ronsing Rongphar	Dolamara, Dist. Karbi Anglong
13	Ms. Hoineiting Hmar	Senapati, Manipur
14	Ms. Chinchonghoi Vaiphei	Senapati, Manipur
15	Mr. Kholneivah Haokip	Senapati, Manipur
16	Ms. Vahnu Chongloi	Senapati, Manipur

17	Ms. Reshma Tamang	Senapati, Manipur
18	Ms. Rita Rai	Senapati, Manipur
19	Ms. Anu Tamang	Senapati, Manipur
20	Mr. Stephen G Misao	Senapati, Manipur
21	Mr. Minlen Chongloi	Senapati, Manipur
22	Mr. Seigou Chongloi	Senapati, Manipur
23	Mr. Esther Chongsi Tuboi	Senapati, Manipur
24	Ms. Kabita Tamang	Senapati, Manipur
25	Ms. Indara Rai	Senapati, Manipur
26	Mr. Athokpam Brojendro Singh	Senapati, Manipur



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