TRAINING ON FOREST SEED TECHNOLOGY AND NURSERY MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR FRONTLINE STAFF OF FOREST DEPARTMENT OF CHHATTISGARH

ICFRE-Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam) organized an online training for Frontline Staff of Korea Division, Baikunthpur, Chhattisgarh Forest Department on 13th July, 2024 on 'Forest Seed Technology and Nursery Management Practices' under AICRP-10 through virtual mode. The training program was attended by 15 (fifteen) forest Frontline Staff of the Division.

Dr. Vishwanath Sharma, Scientist and Project Investigator, AICRP-10 appraised about the training program and its primary activities to the participants. During his presentation, he covered topics such as seed collection, processing, treatment, germination, dormancy, viability, and storage. Dr. Sharma said that the availability and quality of seeds were the issues facing in the forest sector. One significant obstacle to forest regeneration is poor seed quality. Quality seed ensures improvement in productivity of the plantations.

Dr. Rakesh Kumar Prajapat, Scientist, ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat delivered a talk on nursery management techniques for forest species. He discussed in details about the suggested methods for growing seedlings in nurseries. He stated that meticulous attention to every aspect of nursery management was necessary to produce planting material of the highest calibre. These consisted of preparing the nursery beds, managing the soil, planting techniques, controlling the density of the seedlings, applying fertilizers, providing irrigation, and controlling pests.

Shri Imotemsu Ao, IFS, Head, SFM, ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat oversaw the training. The training was ended with a vote of thanks, given by Dr. Mitali Mehta, Scientist of ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat (Assam).