

RAIN FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE, JORHAT CONDUCTS TRAINING ON BAMBOO FOR IFS OFFICERS

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam) organized a week-long compulsory training programme for Indian Forest Service officers of different states from 7th to 11th December, 2020 on '*Bamboo Resources Development and Value Addition for Sustained Livelihood*' through virtual mode. The Training is sponsored by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India. The Training was attended by 22 senior level officers from various states of India. The training programme was inaugurated by Shri Arun Singh Rawat, Director General, Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education, Dehradun. In his inaugural speech, Shri Rawat appreciated the effort of RFRI, Jorhat for organizing this training. He opined that the training has been organized at right time. He highlighted various bamboo research and development activities conducted by ICFRE Institutes across the country. He particularly mentioned about the All India Coordinated Research Project on Bamboo being implemented by different Institutes.

Dr. Alka Bhargava, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and Mission Director, National Bamboo Mission (NBM) delivered Key Note address during the Inaugural Session. In her address, she highlighted entire gamut of activities of NBM ranging from importance of quality planting material, commercial farming, innovation applications, value addition, designs of bamboo products etc.

Dr. R. S. C. Jayaraj, Director, RFRI initially welcomed all the participants to the week-long virtual training programme. Shri R. K. Kalita, Course Director of the training programme meticulously planned and conducted the entire programme. A wide variety of topics ranging from developing quality planting materials of bamboo, bamboo farming, pest disease management, Bamboo Genetic Improvement, Bamboo-based Agroforestry System, Bamboo Tissue Culture, Bamboo in Structural Constructions, Bamboo Charcoal production and its applications, Innovations in Bamboo Handicrafts and Design, Bamboo: A Renewable Source of Ethanol etc. were covered by various resource persons during the training programme.

GLIMPSES OF THE TRAINING



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