

A report on Training Programme 'Value addition of potential NTFP/LKFPs of Northeast India' held at Kohora Social Forestry Range, Bokakhat on 20th and 21st March 2025

A two days training was conducted on 'Value addition of potential NTFP/LKFPs of Northeast India' at premises of Kohora Social Forestry Range, Golaghat Social Forestry Division, Govt. of Assam on 20th and 21st March, 2025 by ICFRE-Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat, in collaboration with the State Forest Department Govt. of Assam. A total of 43 trainees SHG, NGO, member's of Eco Development committee(EDC)s, small Tea growers, Bamboo beneficiaries and businessmen under the Golaghat Social Division, Golaghat including a few progressive farmers & social workers of Aranyak (NGO) were attended in the training program. Dr. Prosanta Hazarika and Dr. Nibedita B. Dutta conducted the training under the projects AICRP 29 and AICRP 16. In the inaugural session, two (2) technical booklets prepared on *Litsea cubeba* and *Mallotus nudiflorus*, were released by the dignitaries. Dr Nitin Kulkarni, Director ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat delivered welcome speech and urged the trainees to come forward to adopt ICFRE-RFRI R&D outputs for sustainable utilization of NTFPs & LKFPs for livelihood, environment and Economy of the people. Dr. Sonali Ghosh, IFS, Director, Kaziranga National Park & Chairman, Assam Agroforestry Development Board, Govt. of Assam addressed the trainees as Chief guest and urged them to identify NTFPs in and around their localities and to learn from ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat about the technologies for sustainable utilization, value addition, product development and market linkages. Sri Ritupaban Borah, DFO, Social Forestry Division, Golaghat, addressed the trainees as a special guest and requested the trainees to imbibe the skills for value addition of NTFP/ LKFPs.

On 20th March 2025 Dr. Nibedita B Dutta, Chief Technical Officer, ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat delivered about the technology for Value addition of Lesser Known Forest Plants. On the same day Dr. Prosanta Hazarika, Chief Technical Officer, ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat delivered lecture on method for value addition of NTFPs for Jigat production and Agarbatti making followed by hands on training of Agarbatti making form jigat prepared from NTFP species other than *Litsea glutinosa* and *Persea macrantha*.

Second day on 21st March 2025 Dr. Prosanta Hazarika CTO, ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat conducted training on 3 different topics 'Sustainable debarking for Natural dye and Jigat production'; Value addition of potential NTFPs for livelihood and startup business; and Nursery propagation of Bamboo species: potential NTFP species of NE India. In the valedictory session, a numbers of trainees took part and shared their views.

Glimpses of the training activities



Dr Nitin Kulkarni, Director , ICFRE- RFRI, Jorhat felicitated



Dr Sonali Ghosh, Director, KNP felicitated



Dr. Nitin Kulkarni, Director, ICFRE- RFRI delivered welcome address



Dr Prosanta Hazarika delivered introductory speech



Sri Ritupaban Borah, DFO Social Forestry addressed the trainees in the inaugural session



Dr. Sonali Ghosh, Director, KNP and Chairmen, Agroforestry Development Board, Assam addressed the trainees as Chief guest



Trainees in the workshop



Release of two booklets on *Litsea cubeba* & *Melotus nudriflorus*



Dr. Nibedita Baruah Dutta delivered training lecture



Dr. Prosanta Hazarika delivered training on value addition of NTFPs for Jigat production and Agarbatti making



Sustainable debarking for Natural dye



Dr. Prosanta Hazarika demonstrated to the trainees on domestication of solar drier at Kohora social Forestry Range



Dr. Prosanta Hazarika demonstrated on hand roll agarbatti making



Group of trainees with agarbatti made by them



Trainees interaction in valedictory session



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Group photo 1st day of training programme



Group photo 2nd day of training programme