

## **Training on nursery management practices, plantation techniques and forest seed technology for frontline staff of forest**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023, the ICFRE-Rain Forest Research Institute (ICFRE-RFRI), Jorhat organized a field training for forest officials of North Kamrup Division, Guwahati. The training was inaugurated by Shri Sunny Choudhary (IFS), DFO North Kamrup forest division. He welcomed the subject expert from RFRI, Jorhat and spoke on importance of field demonstration for the frontline staff. Two training modules, on Modern Nursery and Plantation Techniques and Forest Seed Technology developed by RFRI scientist were delivered to the staff.

The First training module, on Modern Nursery and Plantation Techniques was highlighted by Dr M. K. Singh Scientist-E RFRI. He discussed about nursery management practices along with plantation techniques. He demonstrated on different vegetative propagation techniques such as patch budding, bud grafting, air layering etc.

The Second training module on Forest Seed Technology was taken up by Dr Vishwanath Sharma, Scientist B (Seed Technology), who shared in detail about seed management practices of forestry species to raise quality seedling. Dr Sharma emphasized the importance to learn new techniques in breaking seed dormancy, different seed treatments and basics of seed handling.

Later, Smt. Sangeeta Sinha, RO, Hajo, encouraged the participants to involve more in active learning by sharing their field experiences. A total of 25 forest officials of Rangia range, Hajo participated.

The training ended with a plantation programme after a question and answer session.



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