

## **RFRI CONDUCTS TRAINING ON BAMBOO CHARCOAL PRODUCTION AND BRIQUETTING**

**Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam)** conducted a training programme on ‘Bamboo Charcoal Production and Briquetting’ at Jilangso Village, Karbi Anglong (Assam) under NMHS sponsored project. ‘Promoting livelihood by bamboo charcoal production and briquetting to the selected forest fringe villages of Karbi Anglong District, Assam’ on 11 and 12 March, 2020. The training programme was attended by around eighty participants from neighboring villages.

The Training was inaugurated by Dr. R. S. C. Jayaraj, Director, RFRI, Jorhat. In his inaugural speech, Dr. Jayaraj gave a brief introduction of RFRI and explained the economic importance of bamboo charcoal in present times. He spoke about the demand of bamboo charcoal in national as well as international market and appealed to the beneficiaries to take advantage of the opportunity that had been provided under the project for upliftment of their livelihood. Dr. Jayaraj also inaugurated a newly constructed Brick Kiln as common facility centre for making bamboo charcoal.

Dr. Runumee D. Barthakur, Principal Investigator of the Project highlighted the main objective of the training programme. She mainly put emphasis on the utilization of waste bamboo that can be converted into value added products, like charcoal. She explained the participants about the upliftment of economic condition of villagers through engaging themselves in bamboo charcoal and briquette making.

Mr. Temjen Jamir, Resource Person from Nagaland Bamboo Resource Centre (NBRC), Dimapur appreciated the effort of RFRI to implement the project at Karbi Anglong. Mr. Jamir imparted hands-on training on charcoal making and briquetting to the participants.

**GLIMPSES OF THE PROGRAMME**



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