

BAMBOO FOR PROSPERITY

An EXPOSURE TOUR CUM TRAINING ON BAMBOO FOR PROSPERITY has been organized for the Forest officials, Forest functionaries, Farmers of Uttar Pradesh at Forest Research Institute, Dehradun from June 13-17, 2011, The training has been organized by the Centre for Social forestry and Eco-rehabilitation Allahabad, (A Centre of Forest Research Institute, Dehradun). The Training is sponsored by State Bamboo Mission, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. 26 participants from Mirzapur, Bareilly, Sonbhadra, Renukut, Obara, Allahabad, Mahoba, Lalitpur, Chitrakut, and Saharanpur forest division's participated in the Exposure cum training. The training was inaugurated by Dr. V.R.R. Singh, IFS , Head, Silviculture Division. He emphasized the role of bamboo for rural development. Dr. Veena Chandra, Scientist-F & Head, CSFER, Allahabad has taken initiative for the training programme and appreciated the State Bamboo Mission Uttar Pradesh. She also delivered a lecture on different species of bamboo found in India and its identification and utilization. Dr B.K. Pandey, Scientist C, CSFER and Course Director explained about the training programme. Thereafter the participants were taken to the Bambusetum. Different lectures related to bamboo for prosperity were delivered by distinguished scientists of FRI. Different topics covered during the programme were Micropropagation of bamboos, Macroproliferation, vegetative propagation of bamboos, establishment of commercial bamboo nursery, plantation technology and management, bamboo seasoning and use for bamboo for paper making, economics of bamboos, selection of bamboo for high productivity, etc. Practical demonstration was also given to the participants on macroproliferation and vegetative propagation. Trainees were also taken to the Model Village at Shyampur for exposure to integrate different forest based technology. They were also taken around the different museums of FRI and the largest and thinnest bamboos were shown to them in the NWFP museum. Dr S S Negi, Director FRI gave away the certificates. Dr Negi talked about the importance of bamboo in everyday life and also the role of bamboo mission in development.