

ICAR-Central Agroforestry Research Institute Jhansi :: Uttar Pradesh

Capsule Course Training Program Report

With increasing in the number of students who are interested in doing short-term internship/dissertation/thesis work at the ICAR-CAFRI, it was decided to organize a Capsule Course Training Program aimed at capacity building and human resource development in our institute. The Capsule Course began with an orientation programme on 1st December, 2021 where the institute director Dr. A. Arunachalam emphasized the significance of the training program. He stated “research is integral for the development of the society and as research organization we should work to develop next generation researchers”.

All that begins well, ends well. Totally, 14 candidates registered for this capsule course and 13 have successfully completed training program. The trainees were trained in three modules – first module on introduction to agroforestry, second module on research and scientific writing and third module on field trainings. Our scientists and technical officers delivered lectures and shared their experiences with our trainees. Trainees were given hands-on-experience on tree species identification, seed collection and nursery management. After each module, there was a small unit test to evaluate the understanding of the trainees.

The course was started with the lecture from Prof. M. J Dobriyal with introduction to agroforestry and agroforestry Systems. On subsequent days, Dr. A.K. Handa emphasized on importance of Agroforestry Policy, 2014. Dr. Rajendra Prasad and Dr. Badre Alam highlighted research problem and approaches of research in Agroforestry. Dr. Inder Dev talked about different research methodologies after which Mr. S. Ramanan introduced statistical approaches in agroforestry research and its application. Dr. H. Anuragi and Dr. S. Debnath delivered lecture on literature collection and scientific writing. The lecture on introduction and management of nursery was taken by Dr. Naresh Kumar and Dr. Ashok Yadav. Dr. K. Rajarajan highlighted importance of research ethics and research publications. At the end of the course, Dr. R. P. Dwivedi discussed about Science Communication questionnaire survey, PowerPoint presentation and the necessity of audio-visual aids in the agroforestry extension.

An open exam examination was also conducted to encourage the trainees to read and improve their comprehension skills. At the end of all the lectures, a complete examination for 100 marks for also conducted to provide the actual feel of the course.

Overall the capsule course has capacitated the trainees with agroforestry knowledge and skills and we believe that they will act as Ambassadors of Agroforestry - KRISHIVANIKI AMBASSADORS.

Together we all made it a meaningful venture



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