

Organized training workshop on scientific techniques of lac cultivation in Naharkodara village of Manpur Range of Indore Forest Division

Indore Forest Division and Madhya Pradesh State Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur, jointly conducted a day-long training workshop at Naharkodra Village of the Manpur Range on Lac Cultivation technique on 12th March 2025. In total, 60 progressive farmers, frontline forest staff and Van Samiti members were trained by the SFRI team. Lac traders from local Manpur were also invited to orient farmers on market availability regarding lac cultivation. In the training workshop, farmers were trained with important information related to advanced techniques of Rangeeni and Kusmi lac production and collection techniques. After the classroom lecture, a field demonstration of production technology was also done at the local site of the palash host plant. Along with this, various methods were also informed for marketing lac and increasing the source of income through it, so that the members of the village forest committee of Manpur can benefit from lac production and the forests can be protected by complying with the main objective of joint forest management. Nearby success stories of Lac production at Semialata were shown to encourage and promote Lac cultivation at Semialata. Even during an ICAR-NISA funded survey under the Network Project on Conservation of Lac Insect Genetic Resources by this Institute, this area was found to have potential for both Kusmi and Rangeeni lac. Dr Aniruddha Majumdar (Scientist) and Scholars of Lac Project, Mr Balram Lodhi and Mr Bharat Singh Aarmo provided hands-on training to the van samiti members and frontline forest staff. The Range Officer Manpur Mr Chouhan has assured the Van Samiti members of all possible help from his side so they can improve their livelihood and make positive changes in their lives.



