

Training on Bamboo and Rattan based value added product development

Name of Event	Training on Bamboo and Rattan based value added product development under Van Vigyan Kendra (VVK)
Date (s)	13.03.2023 to 17.03.2023
Duration	One week
Venue	Bamboo Workshop and VVK Hall, ICFRE-BRC Aizawl
Purpose/Agenda	To impart knowledge and hands on training on Bamboo & Rattan based value added product development viz., furniture, handicrafts, jewellery and charcoal etc.
No. of Participants	40 (forty); 05 Males & 35 Females
Participating Agency (s)	Chite Veng Bamboo Cluster, Aizawl District. (15 trainees) Zemabawk Bamboo Cluster, Aizawl District. (25 trainees)
Organizing Agency (s)	ICFRE-Bamboo & Rattan Centre, Bethlehem Vengthlang, Aizawl, Mizoram
Funding Agency (s)	Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education (ICFRE), Dehradun (under CAMPA Extension)

Concise Details of the Event:

ICFRE-Bamboo & Rattan Centre (ICFRE-BRC), Bethlehem Vengthlang, Aizawl, Mizoram had organized one week training programme on Bamboo and Rattan based value added product development at its ICFRE-BRC campus Aizawl during 13th-17th March 2023. The training was conducted on two themes; 1) Bamboo and Rattan based value added product development on handicrafts and jewellery making 2) Bamboo and Rattan based value added product development such as furniture, bamboo charcoal, briquetting, vinegar. A total of 40 (forty) participants attended the training programme and they were divided into two groups based on the two themes; each group consisted of 20 (twenty) participants. The target group of this training were members of Chite Veng Bamboo Cluster and Zemabawk Bamboo Cluster of Aizawl District. In this one week training programme **Shri T.J. Lalnutluanga**, Hon'ble Minister of State, Environment Forests and Climate Change Deptt., Govt. of Mizoram was invited as the Chief Guest. **Dr Hans Raj**, Scientist-E & Head, ICFRE-BRC delivered the welcome address and briefed the trainees about ICFRE-BRC, VVK and training programme.

Shri T.J. Lalnutluanga released the ICFRE-BRC Report-1 on *Chimonocalamus lushaiensis* and in his speech emphasised on the historical and cultural significance of bamboo in Mizo society. He stressed on the fact that bamboo based products is entrenched with the Mizo identity. He also emphasised on bamboo having the potential as economic resource driver in the development of

related industries and the economy of the state. He also stressed on the need for high quality value addition of bamboo & rattan resources and subsequent marketing for economic development of local Mizo people. He encouraged the entire trainee for active participation in the training programme to acquire the skills required for value addition on bamboo and rattan based product development and to run small scale bamboo & rattan handicrafts enterprise.

Shri R.S Sinha, APPCF EF&CC Deptt. Govt. of Mizoram was invited as the Guest of Honour. He. In his speech emphasised on the potential of bamboo resource being the “Green Gold” in view of the world moving towards a sustainable future. He also stressed on the importance of National Bamboo Mission in the development of bamboo related industries. He also stressed on the need to channelize the production of bamboo and capitalization of it in the present economic context. Sh. Sandeep Yadav, Scientist-D delivered the formal vote of thanks.

Shri. Laltnanhlua Zathang DFO, Aizawl Division EF&CC Deptt. Govt. of Mizoram was invited as the Chief Guest for the valedictory session of the training programme on 17th March, 2023 held at the conference hall of ICFRE-BRC. He encouraged the entire trainees for further development of their skills acquired during the training session. He also encouraged the trainees to ask the right questions so that it will lead towards the right answers even in the context of bamboo and rattan based value added product development and as a source of employment and income generation. The chief guest in his speech thanked ICFRE-BRC for conducting such types of training and lauded the extension activities of the centre which will help in the skill development of the youth of Mizoram.

A brief discussion and feedback session was also taken from the trainees. The master trainer Sh F. Vanlalnghaka also thanked the ICFRE-BRC and the trainees in their active participation in the training programme. The trainees thanked ICFRE-BRC for conducting such types of training and helping them in development of skills for income generation and employment. The training programme concluded with the formal vote of thanks by Sh. Sandeep Yadav, Scientist-D.



Figure 1: A - H: Welcome Address & Felicitation of Guests.



Figure 2: A-H: Felicitation of Guest of Honour, Inaugural speech by Chief Guest, release of ICFRE-BRC Report-1 on *Chimonocalamus lushaiensis*



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Figure 3: A-H: Speech by Guest of Honour, Introduction of trainees and Vote of thanks.



Figure 4: A-H: Hands on training on bamboo and rattan based value added product development



Figure 5: A-H: Furniture, handicrafts and jewellery items made by the trainees.



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Figure 6: A-H: Felicitation of Chief Guest, Valedictory Speech by Chief Guest, and Distribution of Certificates.