

**Minister of State (IC) for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India visited Advanced Research Centre for Bamboo and Rattan, Aizawl, Mizoram**

Shri Prakash Javadekar, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India visited Advanced Research Centre for Bamboo and Rattan (ARCBR), Bethlehem Vengthlang, Aizawl, Mizoram on 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 and later participated in a 'Farmers' Meet' organized by Environment and Forest department, Government of Mizoram at Forest Training School, situated in the vicinity of ARCBR campus.

He was accompanied with Shri Lalrinmawia Ralte Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of Mizoram; Dr. Anil Kumar, Additional Director General of Forests, MoEF&CC, Govt. of India, and Sh. Lalramthanga, PCCF, Government of Mizoram.

On arrival at the research centre's premises, he chaired a session in the conference hall of ARCBR where he was briefed about the research activities of the centre by Sh. Hans Raj, Scientist C & officer in charge Director, ARCBR. The session started in a traditional Mizo way when Young Mizo Association (YMA) College Veng branch choir welcomed the minister with a welcome song. Hon'ble Minister took keen interest on different research and development activities of the centre while visiting various stalls in the Exhibition. He interacted with the Scientists and other research personnel present in the stalls and got acquainted with findings of various research projects conducted by the centre.

Subsequently, Hon'ble Minister visited the Forest Training School, Bethlehem Vengthlang where he inaugurated an academic building (under the loan from Japan International Cooperation Agency) and also interacted with the farmers, tree growers, bamboo artisans, craftsmen, forest department officials, and all other audience present.

Addressing the public gathering, Hon'ble Minister stressed the importance of forests of Mizoram and also highlighted the urgent need to conserve them in a sustainable manner. He also pointed out that Mizoram is very rich in Bamboo

resources and therefore, it's a high time to develop industrial products at a commercial scale. He said that, "My motto is 'Development without Destruction' and while pursuing the goal of development, we must to conserve and protect our flora and fauna. In this aspect the central and state authorities should work together to achieve the goal."

Stating the role of public in forest protection the Minister said, "If the real protectors, the people, do not participate protection will not be successful." He said, "Mizoram and other North-Eastern states are the treasure of forests in India from MoEF & CC perspective."

### **GLIMPSES OF VISIT**





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Aizawl: Minister of State for Environment, Forestry and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar chuan nimin khan Bethlehem Vengthlang a Advanced Research Centre for Bamboo & Rattan tlawhin a hmun hma a fan zawh hnuah State Forest Training Institute Building thar a hawng.

Building hawna programme SFTI tual zawla buatsaihah Union Minister chuan 'tichhe lova hmasawna rahbi thar kai' tih chu a thupui a nih thu a sawi a. "India ramin hmasawna hna chak taka a thawh lai mek hian min hualtu boruak, thing leh mau leh nungchate tichhe lo zawnga hma lak chu sawrkar duh dan a ni a, he chona hmachhawn tur hian state leh central sawrkar te an pawimawh a ni," a ti. Forest venhimna kawngah mipui an tel tam loh chuan a hlawhtling thei lo tih a sawi a. Mizoram chu mau tamna ram nia sawiin a hman tangkai dan leh suma chan tir dan erawh ngaihtuah a ngaih deuh thu a sawi bawk.

Forests Minister



Lalrinmawia Ralte chuan kum kalta khan Mizoram forest cover tlema a tiakhniam thu sawiin thing leh mau, nungchate humhalh chungah hmasawna hna chak taka thawh dan kawngah ngaihtuahna thar sen a tul a ni, a ti.

SFTI hawn tak hi kum 2011 khan sak tan niin kum 5 chhunga hawn hman tura ruahman a ni a. Hun bituk aia reilo hretah peihfel hman a ni. State Project Management Unit kaltlanga hna thawh a ni a, sum -hi sawrkar laipui MoEF & CC pawmpuina in Japan International Corporation Agency (JICA) atanga hmuh a ni a. Heta tana sum ruah-

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MoEF & CC Minister hian mau hmanga eizawngtu bamboo artisans leh entrepreneurs te bakah private tree planters te kawmna hun a hman ngah a. Nimin tiai vek khan Mizoram Governor leh Chief Minister-te an chenna inah a hmu bawk. Union Minister hian vawin hian Tripura panin Aizawl a chhuahsan ang. Union Minister hi Addl. Director General of Forests, MoEF & CC, Pu Anil Kumar chuan a tawlawm a ni.

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