

NATIONAL BAMBOO CRAFT FAIR

[25th to 27th November, 2014]

Forest Research Institute, Dehradun organized a three days National Bamboo Craft Fair (Mela) from 25th to 27th November, 2014 in Mango Grove behind main building of the institute. The fair was organized under the support of Bamboo Technical Support Group (BTSG) – Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehradun and under the sponsorship of National Bamboo Mission, New Delhi. The fair was inaugurated on 25th November, 2014 in the Mrs. Sunita Sharma wife of Director General, ICFRE and Mrs. Poonam Bhojvaid wife of Director, FRI, Dehradun. In the inauguration, the Director General, ICFRE, Director, FRI and members of organizing team Mr. Sandeep Kujur, Head, Extension Division, Dr. Paramjeet Singh, Scientist-F, Dr. Charan Singh, Scientist-D, Mr. Rambir Singh, Scientist-C, Mr. P. K. Gupta, Scientist-C (Rtd.), Mr. A. D. Dobhal, Bamboo Consultant, ICFRE, Mr. Surinder Rautela, FRO, Mr. Ajay Gulati, RA-1 and Mr. K. D. Uniyal, RA-1 were present on this occasion.

The bamboo based artisans, craft-men, Jharcraft, Gujarat State Forest Development Corporation, Uttarakhand Bamboo and Fibre Development Board, Uttarakhand Handloom and Handicraft Development Council, NGOs and other SHGs from different parts of the country participated in the fair. There were 40 stalls where artisans, craft-men, NGOs and SHGs displayed their artifacts for exhibition and sale. Different items like, bamboo sofas, beds, dining tables, central tables, resting chairs, models of bullock cart and temple, stools, serving trays, flower pots, table lampsheds, wall hanging, baskets, kites, fiber clothes and bags were the main attraction of the fair. Besides, some miscellaneous items and scientific instruments were also displayed in the fair. The Divisions of Extension, Non Wood Forest Products, Chemistry, Forest Products, Prerna Souvenir Shop of FRI, Dehradun, Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam) and Indian Forester also displayed their exhibits. There were also some

herbal products available for display and sale. An appreciable sale of bamboo products were seen in the fair. The fair was a show case for products of participants related to bamboo work. The fair provided a best and common platform for bamboo based industries, craft men and other stakeholders. During the three days event more than about 2000 visitors visited the fair.

The Director General, ICFRE and Director, FRI, Dy. Director General (Research), ICFRE, Assistant Director General (RP) ICFRE, Dehradun and other dignitaries visited the fair and appreciated the items displayed by the participants in the fair and encouraged them to participate more and more in such type of events organized from time to time. The whole event was covered widely by electronic and print media.

GLIMPSES OF THE EVENT



Inauguration of the Craft Fair

Director General, ICFRE and others in the Fair





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