

**EXPOSURE VISIT OF BAMBOO MASTERCRAFTSPERSONS UNDER BAMBOO
TECHNICAL SUPPORT GROUP OF INDIAN COUNCIL OF FORESTRY RESEARCH
AND EDUCATION (BTSG- ICFRE)**

The second exposure visit of bamboo mastercraftspersons during 2015-16 for 06 Bamboo mastercraftspersons from Uttarakhand and one BTSG-ICFRE consultant Sh. A.D. Dobhal was organized from 22nd February 2016 to 03rd March, 2016. The following mastercraftspersons participated in the visit which mainly focused on exposure to new designs, product development & diversification, Value addition, bamboo handicrafts and furniture, bamboo structures, machinery and process technology, bamboo clusters and nurseries etc.

Sl.No.	Name	Address	Field
1.	Sh. Luxman Kumar	Vill Kamsal PO Jagot Distt. Rudra Paryag (UK)	Bamboo Decorative items
2.	Sh. Suraj Mohan	Vill Kamsal PO Jagot Distt. Rudra Paryag (UK)	Bamboo Decorative items
3	Sh. Gajendra Singh	Vill. Thangaon PO Biduli, Distt. Dehradun	Bamboo basketry and Handicraft
4.	Sh. Mahavir singh	Vill. Shivpur, Kotdwar Distt. Pauri Garhwal	Bamboo Furniture
5.	Sh. Pradeep Kumar	Vill. Shivpur, Kotdwar Distt. Pauri Garhwal	Bamboo Furniture
6.	Sh. Trilok Singh	Vill Shyampur PO Ambiwala, Dehradun	Bamboo products

The following organizations/ persons were contacted in north east for exposure visit.

1. Unit of National Awardee Bamboo master craftsman Sh. Montu Das and other Bamboo production Units in Guwahati.

The first visit was made in the Unit of National Awardee Bamboo master craftsman Sh. Montu Das at Guwahati on 25th February 2016. Different types of bamboo jewellery items were shown to the participants. They also learnt the manufacturing process. Besides bamboo jewellery items, the bamboo furniture items were also being prepared. The units of other bamboo national awardee artisans namely Smt Kuku Das Biswas, Madav Biswas and Aparna Das were also visited by the team. Common facility centre (CFC) under North Eastern Handicrafts and Handloom Development Corporation (NEHDC) was visited in Guwahati where large number machines have been installed. Large number of bamboo products and bamboo housing are under display in the bamboo show room of north eastern states. Bamboo show room of Assam Govt. was also visited. The artisans learnt about marketing of bamboo products.

2. Visit to Cane and Bamboo Technology Centre (CBTC), Burnihat .

It is a Training and Demonstration Centre for both Handicrafts and Industrial bamboo products. Design Centre for Industrial Bamboo Products is working in collaboration with the Centre for Bamboo Initiative (CBFI) of the National Institute of Design (NID). The mastercraftspersons

came to know about bamboo handicrafts of north eastern region. They also learnt about various machineries used in production and preservation of bamboos.

3. Meghalaya bamboo products.

The exposure tour was made to Shillong (Meghalaya). Meghalaya govt. emporium consisting of bamboo products of that area with new marketable designs gave a new experience to the team. The emporium of North Eastern Handicrafts and Handloom Development Corporation (NEHHDC) was also visited in Shillong. The bamboo mastercraftspersons, who are from backward interior hilly areas of Uttarakhand got to learn new designs and exposure about new markets. This will help them make marketable products, use improve tools and technology in products development. They got ideas about costing, finishing and packaging of their products.

4. RFRI Jorhat

The team reached RFRI Jorhat on 28th February 2016. On 29th February 2016, all the participants presented the details of their work to the Director RFRI and his team. The Director took keen interest in decorative and utility items of Bamboo from Uttarakhand. Dr. R.K. Kalita Scientist-E and Training Coordinator along with his team took the visiting team to Bamboo Composite centre and Bamboosetum. Bamboosetum houses 46 different bamboo species. Bamboo furniture items, flower vase, trays, decorative and utility items, mats and bamboo ornaments were displayed in the bamboo composite centre. Machines for processing and production of quality bamboo products were shown. This will also provide support to bamboo utilization and value addition. Bamboo treatment, preservation and other related activities were also shown to the mastercraftspersons. The power point presentation on 'Bamboo Product development & value addition' was given by Dr. T.C. Bhuyan. He explained about role of bamboo, bamboo application, bamboo as a building construction material, handicrafts, charcoal, gasifiers, bamboo as a food and nurseries. On the second day, the visit was made to bamboo artisan cluster villages of Bakota nauna and Buwarh near Sibsagar. Large number of mastercraftspersons like Krishna Gogoi, Devang Baruwa, Sandee etc are making furniture, ornaments, musical instruments, beds, cycle, hangers, pens, table lamps, hats, replica of palace, Japi, wall hanging, agarbatti and other decorative items. They gave demonstration of their bamboo craft to the participating mastercraftspersons.

The exposure tour was very much beneficial for bamboo mastercraftspersons, who are from backward interior hilly areas of Uttarakhand. They got knowledge of new designs and exposure to different crafts will help them in making marketable products and encourage them to use improve tools and technology. They got idea about costing, finishing and packaging of their products. It will also help them to give training in ICFRE institutes to other bamboo artisans and will also participate in craft melas. The exposure visit will be helpful in their future livelihood.













