

VISIT OF FARMERS AND ENTREPRENEURS TO ICFRE-BRC, AIZAWL, MIZORAM

Name of Event	Visit of Bamboo farmers and Entrepreneurs from Gujarat and Maharashtra
Date (s)	30.01.2024 & 31.01.2024
Duration	Full day
Venue	ICFRE-BRC, Bethlehem Vengthlang, Aizawl, Mizoram
Purpose/Agenda	To get acquainted about Bamboo-based Agroforestry Systems and Bamboo Charcoal production.
No. of Participants	06
Participating Agency (s)	Bamboo Farmers and Entrepreneurs from different parts of Gujarat and Maharashtra.
Organizing Agency (s)	ICFRE-BRC
Collaborating Agency (s)	-

Concise Details of the Event:

A group of six Bamboo Farmers and Entrepreneurs from different parts of Gujarat and Maharashtra visited ICFRE-Bamboo and Rattan Centre, Aizawl, Mizoram on 30.01.2024. The main objective of their visit was to get acquainted with the different bamboo based agroforestry systems and the species suitable for those systems.

Shri Sandeep Yadav, Scientist-D and Head welcomed the team. After this there was a long discussion with them in which they cited the problems that they were facing in the cultivation of bamboo, they enquired about the various methods in which they could increase their productivity and income from the same piece of land and suggestions were given by the scientist and technical staff. This was followed by a brief presentation on the back ground information, research and extension activities of the centre by the head. The participants were guided around the Tissue Culture laboratory, Orchid mist chamber, and Bamboo & Rattan museum.

In the afternoon, the farmers along with the Scientist and few staff of the centre visited the Bamboo charcoal briquette making unit situated in the nearby village Sairang where they were shown the process of making the briquettes. The farmers also interacted with the proprietor of the unit where they exchanged their knowledge and experience with one another.

On 31.01.2024, the farmers visited the bamboo trail of ICFRE-BRC and its bamboo and rattan germplasm plot. They purchased the seedlings and rhizome of different bamboo, rattan and ornamental plant species.

Names of Farmers/Entrepreneurs:

- 1) Mr. Prashant Date
- 2) Mr. Bhushan Nandanwar.
- 3) Mr Shivaji Rajput.
- 4) Mr. Umesh Sonar.
- 5) Mr. Rushikesh Vidhate
- 6) Mr. Pravin Vekariya



Figure 1: Discussion with the Farmers/Entrepreneurs



Figure 2: A&B: Presentation by the Head and Visit to the Tissue Culture laboratory.



Figure 3: A&B: Visit to the Hardening Mist Chamber and Bamboo & Rattan museum.



Figure 4: A&B: Visit to Bamboo charcoal briquette making unit in Sairang village, Aizawl



Figure 5: A&B: Bamboo charcoal briquettes



Figure 5: Planting of bamboo seedling in the germplasm plot

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