

Bamboo Mart (Baans Bazar) 2015 at Gwalior- Participation by BTSG-ICFRE

A five day Bamboo Mart (Bamboo Mela) 2015 was organized by MP State Bamboo Mission (MPSBM) at **Phool Bagh Ground, Gwalior (MP) from 08th to 12th May 2015** in association with National Bamboo Mission (NBM) New Delhi. The mart was organized to show case the expertise of bamboo artisans, entrepreneurs, organizations and industries related to bamboo sector of the country. Bamboo Mart includes exhibition cum sale of bamboo artefacts, demonstration of bamboo related machines, tools and skill up gradation training of bamboo artisans.

Under the guidance of Dr G. S. Goraya IFS, DDG (Research) and Dr Vimal Kothiyal ADG (RP) ICFRE, BTSG-ICFRE Dehradun (A National Bamboo Mission Suggested, Bamboo Technical Support Group established at ICFRE since 2007) also made its entry in the Bamboo Mart through Sh. A.D. Dobhal consultant, (Bamboo Handicrafts/marketing) who participated in the mart and shared his vast experience on bamboo craft with artisans gathered from various places. BTSG-ICFRE also sponsored 04 bamboo craftspersons from amongst many being supported by BTSG-ICFRE through training programmes to the Bamboo Mart. These 04 bamboo craftspersons from BTSG-ICFRE show cased a diversity of their bamboo products in 04 stalls allocated to them. The four artisans brought goods worth of Rs 2.00 lakhs. The sales were of Rs 1.75 lakhs and remaining items were purchased by local dealers and MPSBM. The entire stock of bamboo artisans was sold out. They were very much benefitted by BTSG-ICFRE. All the dignitaries and general public were attended in the four stalls of BTSG-ICFRE. They were explained about various activities of BTSG-ICFRE under National Bamboo Mission in detail by Sh. A.D. Dobhal. All the dignitaries appreciated the quality of bamboo handicrafts and bamboo furniture.

In the Bamboo Mart thirty bamboo artisans and organizations from Karnataka, MP, Maharashtra, UP and Uttarakhand participated. Besides this nearly 50 bamboo artisans from MP participated in Skill upgradation training and value addition programme of bamboo products with new marketable designs. The products displayed during the Bamboo Mart ranged from bamboo jewellery, baskets, trays, models of temple and houses, figures of birds, bamboo furniture, hanger and various other artefacts. Various machines used in bamboo work displayed in the mart. The details of Bamboo Mat Moulded Skin for Doors (BMMS), Bamboo Mat Veneer Composite (BMVC), Bamboo Mat Board (BMB), Bamboo Wood, Bamboo Mat Trays, Bamboo Mat Ridge Cap (BMRC), and Bamboo corrugated sheets (BMCS) were available in the Bamboo Mart.

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