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Annual Report of Bamboo Society of India, Bengaluru for the year 2022-23

The following activities of the Bamboo Society of India were carried out during 2022-23.

1. Bamboo Society of India has conducted one National Governing Council meeting on 21.01.2023 and one Executive Committee Meeting on 19.09.2022.
2. M/s. XKLSV Internet Media Pvt Ltd. was continued as web designer for the year 2023-24.

3. Appointment of Karnataka State Chapter Management Committee

Dr. D. A. Venkatesh, IFS (Retd), NGC, BSI member was appointed as Electoral Officer for conducting elections to Karnataka Chapter Management Committee. The calendar of events were carried out from 07.05.2022 to 21.05.2022. Since the nominations were received only from two members out of seven member vacancies to be elected, the election officer declared the following two contestant members as elected unanimously without any election for a two years term.

They are:-

- 1) Sri. Parameswaran Krishna Iyer and
- 2) Sri. Shivakumar B. L

The elected members met and elected Sri. Parameswaran Krishna Iyer as Director and Sri. Shivakumar B L as Treasurer. They also selected and recommended to H.O the following 5 members for the remaining vacancies as Executive Committee members.

- 1) B L Chidananda – Secretary
- 2) T J Ravindran - Technical Advisor
- 3) B A Prabhavathi - Entrepreneurship development
- 4) CS Susanth - Skill Development & Design innovations
- 5) Sameer Kanabargi - Regional development – Belgaum

The BSI vide OM No BSI/KC-BSI/629/2022-23 dated 09.09.2022 issued an order appointing the Management Committee for the Karnataka Chapter.

4. **Appointment of Andhra Pradesh State Chapter Management Committee**

For formation of Andhra Pradesh Chapter Management Committee, the calendar of events for election of office bearers was held from 08.03.2022 to 25.03.2022. Only one nomination was received out of seven member vacancies to be elected. Dr. Jagadish Vengala who has submitted nomination was selected as Director for AP Chapter and he was requested to select the other 6 members for the management Committee and submit to BSI.

5. **Constitution of Telangana State Chapter**

Formation of Telangana Chapter, the calendar of events were carried out from 01.02.2022 to 15.02.2022. Since only 4 members submitted nominations out of 7 vacancies, they stand elected to the Management Committee namely:

- 1) Mr. Achalender Reddy Chirra
- 2) Dr. Srinivas Cheruvupally
- 3) Raju L Kanchibhotla
- 4) Dr. Bolla Josephp

BSI asked them to hold a meeting, elect office bearers and also nominate 3 more members to the MC as per letter dated 03.03.2022. The Director vide letter dt 06.04.2022 submitted the proposal for MC office bearers and members. Accordingly the BSI OM dated 18.04.2022 was issued by BSI appointing the MC members as follows:

- 1) Shri Achalender Reddy , Director
- 2) Shri Bolla Joseph, Additional Director,

- 3) Shri Raju N Kanchibotla, Secretary
- 4) Shri Dasari Balkishan, Treasurer.
- 5) Shri Cheruvapalli Sreenivas, Member
- 6) Dr T. Usha Rani,
- 7) Shri Venkata Ramudu

6. BSI Chairman visited and met Director and Scientists of IWST, IPIRTI and NID and discussed with them about scope for jointly promoting bamboo sector. He also offered them to conduct joint trainings / workshops on bamboo to benefit artisans / farmers etc and that once project proposal is received, he would move the matter with Skill Development Corporation, Karnataka and mobilize funds for the program.
7. Bamboo Society of India celebrated the World Bamboo Day jointly with Karnataka Forest Department and National Bamboo Mission, Karnataka on
 - i. 18th and 19th September, 2022 by distributing 1000 Bambusa tulda seedlings on 18th of September 2022 by BSI members, Forest Department staff and the Architecture student volunteers of from Dayananda Sagar College of Architecture, Bengaluru at the following places. Shri Parameshwaran Krishna Iyer, Director, Karnataka Chapter BSI took the lead and organised the distribution successfully.
 - a. Lalbagh main gate
 - b. Cubbon park High Court gate
 - c. Puttenahalli lake, Yelahanka
 - d. J P Park, Mathikere
 - ii. Bamboo Society of India with Karnataka Forest Department and National Bamboo Mission, Karnataka jointly organized the World Bamboo Day Seminars / webinar at the conference hall, 8th floor, Arnya Bhavan, Malleswaram, Bengaluru on 19th September 2022. More than 60 members from BSI and officers of the forest department have attended in person and more than 300 members attended online.

The PCCF Karnataka chaired and conducted the Seminar/Webinar on this occasion.

A small bamboo products exhibition was organized on Aranya Bhavan 8th floor.

8. Chairman inaugurated “Grand Bamboo Mela” organized by CGBMT at its HQ in Devanahalli, Bengaluru on the occasion of World Bamboo day on 18th September 2022.
9. The Bamboo Society of India Chairman, Executive Director and members took initiative and participated in the Krishimela of UAS, GKVK, Bengaluru which was conducted at GKVK campus by attracting lakhs of people from rural and urban parts of Karnataka and also neighboring States. The Director of Extension, GKVK was kind enough to allot 100 ft. × 20 ft. open space with a nominal rent of Rs 50/- sft (for 4 days).
 - BSI has installed a Bamboo Pavilion with 20 stalls of 10 × 10 sq. ft. with the assistance of Sri. Parameswaran Krishna Iyer, Director, Karnataka Chapter, BSI who procured bamboo ply boards , poles, furniture etc for the erection of stalls and managed the whole process . Since the allocation of area happened only 3 days before the exhibition, not all the participants could come from outside the for want of availability of reservation in trains to travel to Bangalore. Hence only 16 stalls were occupied.
 - The exhibition was inaugurated by Hon’ble Governor of Karnataka on 3rd November 2022. BSI accommodated the following Institutions, Organisations, artisans, Industries with their bamboo exhibits and publicity materials with in our allotted bamboo pavilion.
 - 1) Bamboo Society of India
 - 2) Bamboo Mithra, Bengaluru
 - 3) Bamboo Souvenir Shop – Bamboo Research and Training Centre, Chandrapur, Maharashtra.
 - 4) Bamboopecker Lifestyle, Bengaluru

- 5) Eha earth friendly lifestyle products, Mahadeva Chikkanna
- 6) Vedhaandh Handi Crafts, Kodakara Trissur, KFRI, Kerala
- 7) Sagar Enterprises, Javeed Pasha, Bengaluru
- 8) Vijaya Farms, Tamil Nadu
- 9) Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Bengaluru
- 10) Sakoli Bamboo Cluster, Maharashtra
- 11) Jai Kisan Solution Sticks, Maharashtra
- 12) Karnataka Biodiversity Board, Bengaluru
- 13) Karnataka Medicinal Plant Authority, Bengaluru
- 14) Maharashtra Bamboo Development Board, Maharashtra.
- 15) Bamboo Lagwad, Daya Pathki, Maharashtra
- 16) K S Bamboo, Bengaluru

- BSI exhibited the posters of different spices of bamboo and their uses. Every day thousands of visitors visited the BSI stall for enquiry regarding availability of different spices of seedlings, buy back arrangements and suitable species for different agro-climatic zones. The BSI chairman gave a detailed interview to the Krishi Vani News Paper/Magazine, which was also redressed as a video.
 - The News 1st Kannada Channel had interviewed the representatives of Bamboo Lagwad artisan from Maharashtra.
 - The IWST has sold sandal and different bamboo seedlings to the farmers at a subsidized rate. Hon'ble Minister for Revenue, Government of Karnataka Mr. R Ashok has visited the stall and appreciated the bamboo stalls.
 - BSI has distributed several pamphlets on bamboo and given lots of information and publicity materials to the farmers, business people, Agarbathi manufacturers, medars, other visitors, etc.
10. BSI Chairman along with Shri K P Murty inaugurated the Sustainable Engineering Student Club at Christ Engineering College, Bangalore on 5th

November 2022 and 51 students have taken BSI membership.

11. Bamboo Society of India (HQ) has closed the Bank Account in Canara Bank and opened a new SB Account in Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.
12. 1,30,000/- Tulda wildlings we're sold @ Rs.2.00 per wildling which has given a revenue of Rs 65000.00 to the BSI.
13. BSI was informed by KFDC to vacate the premises being occupied by it to new premises . Hence, BSI office was shifted to a newer space in the same building on the Ground Floor. Earlier in 2020 KFDC had enhanced rent of old premises from Rs 2,089/- to Rs 10,927/- for 450 sft area. After shifting to new premises KFDC has again enhanced to Rs 23,600/- for 400 sft on the grounds that even at this rate 50% concession is given on the prevailing market rate. A representation dated 26.05.2023 has been given to PCCF Karnataka Forest Department and subsequently to Additional Chief Secretary dated 24.08.2023 and to Hon Minister Forests Ecology and Environment Dated 04.09.2023 to provide free accommodation and if not possible then to reduce the rent.
14. Membership enrolment details for the year 2022-23

BSI HQ – 92 Members

Sri. K. P. Murthy, NGC Member, BSI and Convener, Committee for Engineering Technology including Industry, Green Technology Clubs for Institutions and Students took interest and initiative to enroll the following Institutional and Student members:

- 1) Principal, Veerappa Nisty Engineering College, Hasanapur, Tq-Shorapur, District Yadgir has enrolled as Institutional Member, one Individual Life member and 30 student members.
- 2) The Department of Mechanical and Automobile Engineering School of Engineering and Technology, Bangalore, Kengeri Campus, CHRIST (Deemed to be University) Bengaluru has enrolled 50 student members.

Dr. S. Sundararaman, Sri Manakula Vinayagar Engineering College, No.23,

Mariamman Koil Street, Aannadipet Commune, Madagadipet, Puducherry has enrolled as Institutional Member.

1.	Institutional Member	2
2.	Individual Life Member	7
3.	Artisan Member	3
4.	Student Member	80
Total		92

Maharashtra Chapter – has enrolled 17 members during the financial year

1.	Institutional Member	1
2.	Individual Life Member	12
3.	Patron Member	1
4.	Corporate Member	1
5.	Artisan Member	1
6	Student Member	1
Total		17

- a. Andhra Pradesh Chapter one Member (Individual Life Member)
- b. Kerala Chapter one Member (Individual Life Member)
- c. Telangana Chapter one Member (Individual Life Member)
- d. West Bengal one Member (Individual Life Member)

15. Kerala Bamboo Fest – 2022

The Chairman, Bamboo Society of India, Bengaluru has requested Sri. Suraj S, CEO, Kerala Bureau of Industrial Promotion (KBIP), Vidya Nagar, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala for the allotment of a free stall on behalf of BSI, Bengaluru to publicize the Bamboo articles, pamphlets, magazines and other publicity materials on 18.11.2022. The CEO, KBIP was kind enough to allot one stall for us and the same was utilized and publicized by exhibiting bamboo articles along with providing bamboo related information and publicity materials by our Kerala Chapter. Dr. Mohammed Kunhi, Secretary for Kerala

Chapter, BSI took lots of interest in arranging and making this Kerala Bamboo Fest 2022, from November 27th to December 2022 a grand success. BSI is grateful to Dr. Mohammed Kunchi and his team for making the bamboo fest 2022 success.

16. Meeting with His Excellency Governor of Himachal Pradesh on 20.11.2022 : Chairman, BSI, Sri.Neelkanth Dnyaneshwar Aher, Sri. Naveen Kumar Mali and Sri. Parameswaran Krishan Iyer went to Himachal Pradesh and called on His Excellency Governor of Himachal Pradesh Shri Rajendra Arlekar and handed him over the Honorary Patron Member Certificate in person and also discussed with him and apprised him the scope for development of Bamboo in Himachal Pradesh including planting bamboo for stabilization, cultivating bamboo by farmers on commercial basis, establishment of the bamboo based industries, conducting bamboo workshops and bamboo development programs, use of bamboo in construction, etc and also about our efforts to form BSI Himachal Pradesh Chapter. BSI express its appreciations to all the four members who voluntarily attended the program and paid the travel expenses by themselves.

17. National Workshop on Bamboo Sector Development and Bamboo exhibition at New Delhi.

Sri. Parameswaran Krishna Iyer, NGC Member, BSI, Bengaluru participated in the National Workshop on Bamboo Sector Development and Bamboo Exhibition, PHD House, New Delhi on 9th to 10th March 2023. The event was organized by National Bamboo mission and INVEST India Programme.

Sri. Parameswaran Krishna Iyer and BSI member Sri. C. S. Susanth from NID had jointly exhibited their products along with publicity materials. Our participation in the exhibition and National Workshop on Bamboo Sector Development was an enriching experience to the participants and for our organization as well.

18. BSI has written to PCCF, HoFF, Bengaluru, Karnataka requesting State to allot

green bamboos to the Medar societies in Karnataka, at subsidized rates, being livelihood for the medars.

The APCCF, FRM, Bengaluru vide letter No. APCCF (FRM)B3.Cane.CR-127/2011-12 dated 20.03.2023 has written to all the CCFs of Territorial Circles of Karnataka to take action to allot green bamboos to the medar societies on retail rate.

19. The Chairman, BSI, Bengaluru has written letters to all the PCCF's, HoFF of all States requesting to exempt felling/cutting permission as well as transit permission for bamboo species grown by famers in their private lands and also addressed a letter dated 24.04.2023 to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, New Delhi requesting to take action to remove the NOC requirement for Inter State transportation of Bamboo grown in private lands under National Transit Pass system.

The PMO has directed vide letter No. PMOPG/D/2023/0091036 dated 03.05.2023 to the MoEF & CC for taking necessary action. The AIG of Forest (Forest Policy) has written letter No. F.No.7/3/2023-FP dated 18.05.2023 to us stating National Transit Pass system (NTPS) is an electronic platform for obtaining NOC and Transit permit as per the State Specific Rules/ Acts. NTPS has an optional feature to avail NOC on voluntary basis from tree growers for exempted species, which will facilitate hassle free Inter-State movement. This NOC is a self-generated document from the NTPS platform by the tree growers. Further bamboo originating for forest lands still continues to be a forest produce and requires a transit permit. NTPS platform allows generation of transit permits to be generated for bamboo originating from forest lands.

Further, we received responses to our letter from the following Forest Departments:-

- a. The CCF, Public Grievance, Law & Information, West Bengal has replied that felling permission is not required from the competent authority. However transit pass is required for transportation.

- b. The PCCF, HoFF, Tamil Nadu has replied by enclosing Tamil Nadu Government Gazette Notification No. 41 dated 10.11.2017 issued by the Head of Department that the Bamboo species (all species) are exempted from Tamil Nadu Timber transit rules 1968.
- c. The PCCF, HoFF, Punjab has replied stating that there is no restriction for transportation of Bamboo in the State, but bamboo working areas closed under section 4/5 of PLPA 1900 is regulated as per approved management plan of the divisions of District Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar, Roopnagar, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, Hoshiarpur.
20. The following Verities of Bamboo seeds were procured and sold by BSI during 2022-23.

Sl. No	Species Name	Qty.	Rate	Amount
a.	Bambusa Tulda seeds	132.5	4000	5,30,000.00
b.	Dendrocalamus longispathus	13	7000	91,000.00
c.	Melocanna baccifera	½	3300	1,650.00
d.	Bambusa polymorpha	7	4500	31,500.00
Total Sales				6,54,150.00
Purchase Price				<u>5,15,300.00</u>
Revenue				<u>1,38,850.00</u>

The Society earned net profit of Rs 1.39 lakhs from the sale of seeds.



Chairman