

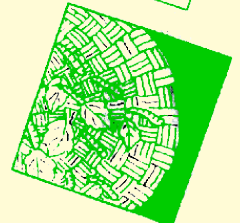
BAMBOO NEWS

Issue No. 118 BAMBOO NEWS September, 2019

EDITORIAL

Bamboo news bulletin of Bamboo Society of India feels proud to inform all the members of Bamboo Society of India, Bamboo Industrialists, Bamboo farmers / Artisans, Bamboo Entrepreneurs, Bamboo lovers about the importance of the celebration of World Bamboo Day every year on the 18th September. This year with the help and co-operation of Karnataka Forest Department, Horticulture and educational Institutions, Bamboo Society of India has celebrated World Bamboo Day at Lalbagh Horticulture Garden, Bengaluru. Bamboo Society of India could motivate Bamboo Entrepreneurs and Craft Industry to install about 40 stalls of Bamboo products.

Bamboo, being a eco-friendly species comes in all types of soil, depending upon the weather and soil condition, as well as season and Bamboo grows profusely. Bamboo is gaining more importance in the present scenario and needs more concentration. Awareness programmes on Bamboo cultivation, development and marketing strategy is needed. Training to Bamboo farming community is very essential. Bamboo cultivator need assurance from the government and Industries regarding buy back arrangement about the Bamboos grown by them in their farm lands. The writer tried her best to enlighten the Bamboo lovers, cultivators, entrepreneurs and Industry about the importance of Bamboo in the present days.



Dr. K. Sundar Naik, IFS (Rtd)
Chairman,
Bamboo Society of India, Bengaluru

Published by : 'BAMBOO SOCIETY OF INDIA', 'Vana Vikas' (2nd Floor),
18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru - 560003. Ph: 23469153

World Bamboo Day celebrations at Bangalore 18th September 2019: A report

World Bamboo Day 2019 :18th September, 2019 at held Lalbagh Botanical Garden, Bengaluru. Organized by Bamboo Society of India Karnataka Chapter- Karnataka Chapter (BSI-KC), Bengaluru Supported by Department of Horticulture, Government of Karnataka Theme of this fest is “Mitigation of Global warming by reintroducing using Bamboo in our Culture”.



World Bamboo Day celebration inaugurated by watering bamboo seedling: Chief Guest Sri. S. G. Neginhal, IFS (R)., Founder Member, Bamboo Society of India, Guest of Honour Sri. Punati Sridhar, IFS, PCCF and Head of Forest Force, Karnataka, Dr. K. SundarNaik, IFS, (R) Chairman and Mr. K. S. Anand, Executive Director Bamboo Society of India (HQ), Ar. NeelamManjunath, Chairman Bamboo Society of India –Karnataka Chapter, Dr. M.S. Annapurna Kishore Kumar, and Mr. Ranganath Krishnan.

ABOUT THE EVENT

Today, it is a matter of concern that the propagation of bamboo has remained peripheral to our re-greening efforts. A major reason for this situation is the systemic reliance on promoting trees as a method of addressing our forestry needs, and of late in tackling climate change. Bamboo cultivation, meanwhile, despite all its potential, remains neglected. The Bamboo Society of India was established in 1988-89 to fill this critical gap in our systems approach, and to promote the cultivation and propagation of this plant as part of an agro-forestry approach to tackle environmental degradation. Much progress has been achieved since, and there is still a long way to go. To assist in this process of propagating bamboo, the Bamboo Society of India's Karnataka Chapter had organized a Bamboo Cultural Festival on 18th September 2019 at Lalbagh Botanical Gardens, on the occasion of World Bamboo Day. World Bamboo Day is an international event recognized by the UN to create awareness about the significance of this wonder material BAMBOO in present times. The event was propagated to make Bangalore the first city to launch BAMBOO nationally and be a part of this change that is taking place globally. The Chief Guest of this special and unprecedented event were octogenarian Mr. S. G. Neginhal, IFS (Retd.) who set off the greening movement in Bangalore and many other metropolises across India during the 1980s. Mr. Punathi Sridhar, IFS, PCCF and HoFF, Department of Forest, Government of Karnataka graced the occasion along with other dignitaries. Preparation: Promotion of event at 16 various schools and 37 colleges by intern volunteer from Jaisim – Fountainhead. Preparation of material for workshop and momentous with help of 35 volunteers from BMS School of Architecture, Brindavan College of Architecture, REVA School of Architecture, Aditya Academy of Architecture & Design and artisans at CGBMT. Address to the press to create awareness about the event amongst the common people by Dr. K. SundarNaik, IFS (R.), Chairman, Bamboo Society of India (HQ), Ar. NeelamManjunath, Chairman, Bamboo Society of India (KC), and Mr. Ranganath Krishnan at Press Club also updating Bamboo Society of India-Karnataka Chapter (BSI-KC) Website, Bangalore.

WORLD BAMBOO DAY 2019 SCOPE:

The World Bamboo Day was launched as a flagship event to support and bring Bamboo to the forefront and encourage its usage as a sustainable material in the daily life of common man which included workshops on the multiple uses of bamboo, a special bamboo music concert, an unique bamboo fabric based fashion show, and sales of bamboo based food and handicrafts, etc. Turn out Over 10,000 footfalls comprising of everyday visitors, common people, students of architecture and design faculties, professionals in the fields of architecture, product design, fashion designing, civil engineering, art, ecology, etc. The event was a huge success in itself with people from all walks of life visiting the event. Inauguration Welcome by Master of ceremony Dr.M.S. Annapurna Kishorekumar (Assistant Professor, Dr.NSAM FGC, Bengaluru) followed by chorus presented by the volunteers. Welcome address by Dr.K. Sundar Naik, IFS (Rtd), Chairman, Bamboo Society of India to the audience and the dignitaries on the dais orienting about the journey of the society throughout the years. Felicitation of the dignitaries on the dais with momentous (bamboo wool shawl, bamboo sapling and bamboo artefact) made by Centre for Green Building Material and Technology,

(CGBMT) Bengaluru. Inauguration and launch of BSI-KC by watering the Bamboo sapling by the hands of chief guest Mr.S.G.Neginhal, IFS(R), Founder Member, Bamboo Society of India (BSI); guest of honour Sri. Punati Sridhar, IFS, PCCF and Head of Forest Force, Karnataka and other dignitaries on dais. The guest was leading protagonist for green movement in Karnataka. Address by Ar. Neelam Manjunath, Chairman, Bamboo Society of India-Karnataka Chapter (BSI-KC) propagating the roadmap of BSI-KC for the upcoming years and explaining the versatility of Bamboo thus, breaking all the taboo that bamboo possess. Address by guest of honour Sri. Punati Sridhar explaining the change which has happened over the years with respect to bamboo. Address by the chief guest Mr.S.G.Neginhal about his journey throughout the years in this field. Cultural event Drum performance by Agnii. AGNII began as an entertainment group performing fire dance and drum shows and today has metamorphosed into an ART for a CAUSE group where a group of boys came together with a passion to see the world smile and dance with joy. Bamboo music by Vayali Folklore group. A group of youngsters from Kerala trying to preserve Valluvanadan art form with indigenous percussion instruments made of Bamboo spread a vibe across the audience. Fashion show by students of INIFD fashion design institute with the use of Bamboo fabric. Karnataka Bamboo Mission Distribution of Bamboo saplings to the farmers supported by the National Bamboo Mission by the hands of our guests. The objective of this event was to promote the cultivation of Bamboo for development of Bamboo industry throughout the state leading to development throughout the country. Dr Alka Bhargava, IFS, Director Bamboo Mission attended the Festival accompanied with 18 IFS officers added a limelight to the whole event. Bamboo workshop for the hands-on bamboo tree workshop participants from different walks of life joined hands to complete the structure. The workshop was organized by Centre for Green Building Material and Technology (CGBMT), Bengaluru. A guided workshop under the guidance of architects from Manasaram Architects and artisans from CGBMT. Participants learnt various techniques involved in construction with bamboo. DIY – Bamboo handicraft workshop A handicraft DIY Bamboo workshop headed by the artisans of CGBMT, professionals from Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), volunteers, interns and architects from Manasaram architects. The idea of the workshop was participants could make the artefacts and handicrafts under the guidance of professionals and take it with them;the workshop was a success with active participation from school children, students from different fields, day-to-day visitors, etc.



EXHIBITION

Exhibition was an initiative to increase awareness in the community regarding sustainable development, to promote bamboo as a green material so that the students, architects, professionals from various fields and commoners could see the variety of bamboo products offered in the market which included bamboo fabrics, food, handicrafts, etc. The idea was to have a long-term benefit through positive public relations and ethical standards, to create a platform to work towards the betterment of the society and community. Among 27 stalls with 21 exhibitors showcased their bamboo products and their contribution in the field of sustainable development. Sl. No. Exhibitor 1. Bamboo Society of India, 2. Centre for green building material and technology, 3. Manasaram architects, 4. Dvaja builders, 5. Riteways, 6. Institute of wood science and technology, 7. Yeshwanth herbal, 8. Indian plywood industries research and training institute, 9. Karnataka Bamboo Mission, 10. Food stall bamboo payasam, 11. Food Stall millet mama, 12. Food Stall bamboo pickle by Malnad, 13. Spectalite sustainable solution Mahadeva Chikkanna, 14. URUVU, 15. Sustainable clumps, 16. Kosa Ashwini Parampare, 17. Organic soap and Beauty products, 18. Hosa Chiguru, 19. Assam bamboo creation, 20. Book stall, 21. Workshop by CGBMT Stall by Sustainable Clumps showcasing various organic and bamboo-based products. Stall by Uruvu from Wayanad showcasing a range of bamboo products and different species of bamboo for sale. Stall by Centre for Green Building Material and Technology, Bengaluru promoting eco education courses, projects, workshops and products made from bamboo. Stall by Manasaram Architects showcasing its projects with bamboo and other natural materials. Stall by Indian Plywood Industries Research and Training Institute, Bengaluru. Stall by Assam Bamboo Creations. Stall by Spectalite Sustainable solution showcasing alternatives for plastic. Stall by Hosachiguru promoting organic cultivation. Conclusion: The event was a huge success serving all of its purpose and encouraging the use of Bamboo as a sustainable material in daily life with lots of enthusiasm. Food Stalls selling Bamboo food like bamboo papad, bamboo pickle, rice, bamboo payasam, bhajji, etc



CONCLUSION

World Bamboo Day may have helped to bridge a connect between Bamboo Growers, Traders/ Craftsmen/ Entrepreneurs and general public. It has also provided a good platform for women entrepreneurs and self -help groups to showcase their products and skills as evidenced from almost 50 stalls. Hands on Training programs/ workshops on handicrafts, furniture making, product improvement and quality enhancement were also seen during the festival. Apparently, this festival has generated huge interest and awareness among Kids, School Students, Youth especially by “Fashion Show” which promoted bamboo fabric and handmade jewels. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful privilege at “Namma Bengaluru” a successful signature of “Bamboo Bengaluru”.

Book-Post

by :

Pavithra GM & Sruthi Subbanna

Individual Life Member of Bamboo Society of India,
Silviculture and Forest Management Division, IWST, Bengaluru
pavithrakesari@gmail.com&sruthisubbanna@gmail.com

Published by :

BAMBOO SOCIETY OF INDIA

“Vana Vikas”, 18th Cross, Malleswaram,
Bangalore - 560 003. **Ph : 080 23469153**

E-mail : bamboosocietyofindia@gmail.com

Web : www.bamboosocietyofindia.in

To