Training on Post-Harvest Management and Value Addition (Handicrafts) of Bamboo & Rattan

Name of Event	Training on Post-Harvest Management and Value Addition
	(Handicrafts) of Bamboo & Rattan under Van Vigyan Kendra (VVK)
Date (s)	30.08.2022 to 31.08.2022
Duration	Two days
Venue	Community Hall, Lengte Village, District, Mamit-Mizoram
Purpose/Agenda	To impart knowledge on post-harvest management of Bamboo & Rattans, techniques for bamboo & rattan treatment, and making Bamboo & Rattan handicrafts.
No. of Participants	21
Participating Agency (s)	Lengte Bamboo Cluster Village Council, Lengte Village
Organizing Agency (s)	Forest Research Centre for Bamboo & Rattan, Bethlehem Vengthlang, Aizawl, Mizoram
Funding Agency (s)	Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education (ICFRE), Dehradun
Concise Details of the Event:	

Forest Research Centre for Bamboo & Rattan (FRCBR), Bethlehem Vengthlang, Aizawl, Mizoram had organized a two days training programme on Post-Harvest Management and Value Addition (Handicrafts) of Bamboo & Rattan at Lengte village during 30-31 August 2022. The target group of this training was Lengte Bamboo Cluster and unemployed youths. In this two days training programme **Shri C. Lalremsiama**, Joint Director of Horticulture, Directorate of Horticulture, Govt. of Mizoram was invited as a Chief Guest. **Dr Hans Raj**, Scientist-E & Head, FRCBR delivered the welcome address and briefed the trainee about FRCBR, VVK and training programme.

Shri C Lalremsiama in his speech, he emphasised the need for high quality value addition of bamboo & rattan resources and subsequent marketing for economic development of local Mizo people. He encouraged the entire trainee for active participation in the training programme to acquire the skills required to run small scale bamboo & rattan handicrafts enterprise. He also requested FRCBR to have a collaborative training programme under State Bamboo Mission which is presently being handled by the Directorate of Horticulture. Shri Lalchamliana, Block Horticulture Officer, Rawpuichhip and Shri Sangzuala, President, Lengte Bamboo Cluster was also present in the inaugural session. Sh. Sandeep Yadav, Scientist-D delivered the formal vote of thanks.

PROGRAMME OF THE TRAINING		
Day 1	 Dr Hans Raj, Scientist-E & Head, FRCBR delivered a lecture on Harvesting, Storage and Grading of Bamboo. Dorothy Lalrinpuii, Technical Assistant, FRCBR helped in the translation in the Mizo language. Dorothy Lalrinpuii, Technical Assistant delivered a lecture on Harvesting, Storage, Grading and Treatment of Rattan. Dr Hans Raj, Scientist-E & Head, FRCBR delivered a lecture on Treatment of Bamboo. Dorothy Lalrinpuii, Technical Assistant helped in the translation in the mizo language. Sh. Sandeep Yadav, Scientist D delivered the Hand-on training on treatment of bamboo using the Boucheri Bamboo Treatment Machine. Villagers treated some bamboo culms themselves for learning the operation of the device. 	
Day 2	At the outset, Dr Hans Raj, Scientist-E and Head, FRCBR welcomed the F . Vanlalnghaka , Master trainer for attending the programme as a master trainer and requested the trainees to learn the Hands on Training on Bamboo & Rattan Handicrafts making meticulously. After this Master Trainer, started training on handicrafts making and different products such as Bamboo dustbin, Bamboo laundry basket, pen stand, flower vase stand, photo frame, Hanger, back scratcher, jewellery etc were made.	

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Figure 1: A & B: Welcome Address C-F: Felicitation of Guests G-H: Speech by Guests.

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Figure 2: A: Vote of Thanks B. Group Photograph C-D PresentationsE. Demonstration ofBoucheri AppartusF-H Hands on Training on Bamboo & Rattan Handicrafts

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Figure 3: A-H: Hands on Training on Handicrafts and development of various bamboo & rattan products

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Figure 4: A-H: Valedictory Session and Distribution of Certificates to the trainees

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Figure 5: A-H: Valedictory Session and Distribution of Certificates

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Figure 6: A-B: Distribution of Certificates. C. Handing over of Honorarium to the Master Trainer
