

KERALA BAMBOO FEST 2013

Post Show Report

The Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Kerala in association with Kerala State Bamboo Mission (KSBM), Kerala Bureau of Industrial Promotion (K-BIP) and National Bamboo Mission; New Delhi organized the 10th edition of 'Kerala Bamboo Fest' (Kerala Bamboo Fest 2013) at Ernakulathappan Ground, Near Durbar Hall, Kochi from December 13 to 17, 2013.



The Fest was inaugurated by Shri. V.K. Ebrahim Kunju, Hon'ble Minister (Works) in the meeting presided over by Shri. K. Babu, Hon'ble Minister (Fisheries, Ports & Excise). Shri. Hibi Eden MLA; Shri. Tony Chammani, Hon'ble Mayor, Kochi Corporation; Shri. Dominic Presentation MLA and Shri. Benny Behanan MLA delivered Special Address. Shri. C.P. John, Member, Kerala State Planning Board and Vice Chairman, Kerala State Bamboo Mission presented the Report on the activities of Kerala State Bamboo Mission.



Shri. Kamesh Salam, President, South Asia Bamboo Foundation and World Bamboo Congress, Assam; Shri. P.J. Joy, Ex. MLA and Chairman, Kerala State Bamboo Corporation felicitated the function. Shri. P.H. Kurian IAS, Principal Secretary (Industries & IT) welcomed the gathering and Shri. K.S. Srinivas IAS, Secretary (Industries & IT) proposed Vote of thanks during the function.



The Fest was organised as part of the exercise of marketing of Bamboo products made in the State. The Kerala Bamboo Fest 2013 showcased products such as Handicrafts, Furniture, Wood substitutes, Building construction & structural applications, Industrial products, Decorative & artistic products, Research & applications etc. Exhibition stalls were set up to display various products made from Bamboo, Reed, Rattan and Screw pine. Individual Artisans, Master craftsman, NGOs, SHGs, Micro & Small enterprises, Government controlled institutions etc. participated in the Fest.



The Forest & Wildlife Department had setup a Bamboo Hut, fully made with bamboo. Kerala State Bamboo Corporation (KSBC) had furnished their stall with bamboo products (bamboo flooring tiles, bamboo furniture's etc. Kerala Forest Research Institute (KFRI) displayed various bamboo plants, research documents, publications etc. pertaining to bamboo sector. Kerala State Handicrafts Apex Co-operative Society Ltd. also displayed various handicraft product made out of Bamboo and natural fibers in the Fest.



National Institute of Design (NID), Bangalore displayed various furniture's, toys, partition materials, cloth hangers, handicraft materials etc. made out of Bamboo. The Speciality of Kerala Bamboo Fest 2013 was the 'Bamboo Bicycle' which was developed by M/s. South Asia Bamboo Foundation and World Bamboo Congress, Assam, displayed in their stall. During the inaugural function, most of the dignitaries had a ride on it.





In total 141 Nos. fully converted stalls were setup for the Event to display bamboo and related products. 168 Nos. Artisans / craftsmen / NGOs from Kerala had participated in the Event. Also 9 Nos. leading entrepreneurs from the State had also displayed their products in the Fair.

The Bamboo Fest was participated by 61 artisans / craftsmen / entrepreneurs from 9 Nos. States outside Kerala particularly from Nagaland, Jharkhand, Assam, Manipur, Sikkim, Tripura, West Bengal, Bihar and Chattisgarh.



The Bamboo Fest 2013 was also accompanied by various cultural programmes such as bamboo music, traditional bamboo dance, traditional bamboo art forms etc. performed by people belonging to the bamboo community. The cultural programmes were conducted by M/s. Green Fibre, Pathanamthitta; M/s. Polika group, Thrissur and M/s. Vayali Folkore Group, Thrissur.



The Bamboo Fest over the years has been a big success. The Bamboo Fest mainly aims at creating a platform for the artisans and the organizations working in the Bamboo sector to interact and exchange new ideas on Bamboo. The Bamboo Fest brings together artisans and organizations working in Bamboo sector from different parts of the State especially from the North-Eastern States which is famous in the Bamboo sector. The Fest overall conveyed the importance of using natural item such as Bamboo in our day to day activities. It also aims at creating awareness about Bamboo which is fast emerging as substitution of teak wood and other wood materials.


