

NRL signs MoU with NBDA for sourcing of Bamboo for its upcoming Bio Refinery

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Treading a step closer towards implementation of its ambitious Bio Refinery Project, NRL today signed an MoU with Nagaland Bamboo Development Agency (NBDA) for sourcing of 2 lakh tonnes/annum of semi-processed bamboo from Nagaland to be utilised as feedstock for its Bio Refinery. The MoU was signed between GM (Mktg & BD) NRL - Mr. B. Ekka & Mission Director NBDA - Mr. T. Imkonglemba Ao(IAS) at Dimapur. A win-win for both the organizations, the MoU also provides for identification of bamboo catchment areas for plantation and processing by the local communities.

It may be mentioned that NRL is implementing a Bio-Refinery in Assam to produce bio-ethanol from available non-food bio-mass feedstock, with technology from Finland based technology provider M/s Chempolis. Bamboo is one of the major non-food biomass resources available abundantly in North East India and is amongst the fastest growing plants. NBDA is the nodal agency in the State of Nagaland for implementation, execution and planning in the Bamboo sector.

The MoU on mutually beneficial terms for both the parties, will pave the way for setting up bamboo processing clusters in the state of Nagaland where bamboo grows abundantly and thereby help promote bamboo plantation and setting up primary processing units for bamboo . It will also open up opportunities for large scale sustainable employment for the farmers engaged in bamboo plantation . NRL on its part will be ensured of long term supply of bamboo for its Bio Refinery.



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