

NRL signs MoU for APBRDA for sourcing bamboo for its proposed biorefinery

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NRL today signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Arunachal Pradesh Bamboo Resources Development Agency (APBRDA) at Itanagar for sourcing of bamboo for its proposed bio-refinery.

The MoU signed by General Manager (Marketing& BD), NRL Mr. Bruno Ekka and Vice Chairman, APBRDA Mr. Yura Tugung would pave way for sourcing three lakh tons of bamboo per year by NRL from the state of Arunachal Pradesh.

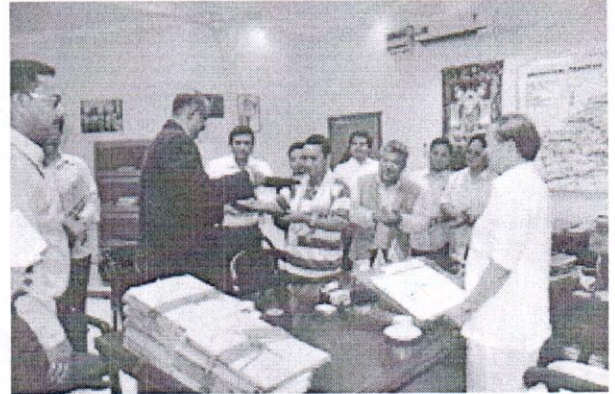
NRL is implementing a bio-refinery in Assam to produce bio-ethanol from available non-food bio-mass feedstock of bamboo.

Chief Minister Shri Nabam Tuki appreciated APBRDA for the initiative that would offer a permanent source of revenue for bamboo farmers and communities owning vast bamboo groves.

He advised the officials of NRL to coordinate with APBRDA and conduct awareness camps across the state for benefit of bamboo growers and said people would have to be made aware of the scientific know-how on regeneration of bamboo plants.

"The technique of recycling the bamboo plants has to be imparted to the people so that on one hand bamboos are cut down for outsourcing and on the other hand these are re-grown. This must go simultaneously so that at no point of time bamboo gets scarce," the Chief Minister pointed out.

NRL authorities said the MoU would help identify bamboo catchment areas for primary processing by the communities for converting into bio-fuel.



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