Summary of Event

During this financial year on 1\textsuperscript{st} and 2\textsuperscript{nd} of October 2020-21, under the component \textbf{Skill Development and Awareness Campaign} of Restructured National Bamboo Mission, Horticulture Department in collaboration with the Directorate of Fisheries organized 2 days program on Bamboo Domestic Trade Fair cum Workshop & Seminar at New Market, Gangtok. In this Domestic Trade Fair 10 numbers of entrepreneurs showcased their products and many enthusiastic farmers from across the State attended the programme and interacted with the entrepreneurs. This Bamboo Domestic Trade Fair motivated many new upcoming small entrepreneurs in the field of marketing and showcasing their products towards national and international markets.

During this 2(two) days Bamboo trade fair cum workshop programme, power point presentation on various technical knowhow/ issues, scopes and future prospective made by the resource persons. There were 10 stalls where Bamboo handicrafts were displayed.

The following 10 Bamboo entrepreneur participated in the Bamboo trade fair cum workshops:

1. Himalayan Science Society, Bermiok, West Sikkim, showcased bamboo handicraft item such as lamp sets, treys, baskets, bamboo byproducts such as vinegar, charcoal & bamboo furniture.

2. Temi Tea, south Sikkim showcased, Bamboo fabric jewelries, book holder, key chain, cutleries item etc.

3. MEVIDIR, East Sikkim showcased bamboo pickles, dry shoots, fermented shoot etc.

4. Bhawana Agarbatti, Samsebong, showcased incense stick of locally available herbs.

5. M/S Dragon Industry Tathangchen, East Sikkim showcased various handcrafted items such as beautifully painted bamboo wall hangings and other decorative items.

6. Sumbok Furniture Unit, South Sikkim showcased different bamboo furniture like beds, chairs, stool, baskets, dining table and chairs etc.

7. Lagstal Design Studio, Upper Sichey showcased different hand crafted cane and bamboo items like laundry basket, water bottles, baskets, treys, infused bamboo folders and bamboo furnitures like chair, table, murrahetc
8. Namthang Bamboo Handicrafts, South Sikkim showcased various handcrafted items like bamboo tooth brushes, tong cleaner, baskets, mug, bamboo mats etc.

9. Khechuperi Bamboo House, West Sikkim showcased different bamboo and wooden handcrafted items basically traditional containers of various designs.

10. NECBDC, Assam was invited as guest participants to showcase their traditional bamboo and cane items like bamboo jewelries, cutleries, table and chair etc.

**Outcome of the event:**

- Government of Sikkim has declared ban in single use plastic in the state of Sikkim, which is to be replaced by Bamboo bottles/ bamboo products locally crafted and other biodegradable products.
- With these types of bamboo fair organized not only Bamboo Entrepreneurs/Artisans also the educated local youths have shown keen interest for setting up bamboo entrepreneurship.

The opening ceremony was graced by Hon’ble Minister for Agriculture and Horticulture, Government of Sikkim.
The closing ceremony was graced by Hon’ble Chief Minister of Sikkim and his Excellency Governor of Sikkim was the guest of honour of the Bamboo trade fair cum workshop programme.
Resource Persons delivering Power Point Presentation during the Bamboo workshop and seminar
Phurba Tamang, South Sikkim - Various Machineries used in bamboo industry