

Project on Bamboo based panel products to be set up by Forest Research Institute, Dehradun at Tripura.

Sh. Jitendra Chaudhary, Minister-in-charge, Department of Industries and Commerce, Rural Development and Forest, Govt. of Tripura visited Forest Products Division, FRI along with Sh. V. K. Bahuguna, DG, ICFRE and Dr. S. S. Negi, Director, FRI, Dehradun and familiarised with different developmental work on bamboo products being carried out by the Division. Dr. Vimal Kothiyal, Head, Forest Products Division, FRI welcomed the dignitaries in the Division. Dr. Sadhna Tripathi, Scientist working on wood preservation explained the works carried out by the Division on treated bamboo huts and how treatment can increase the service life of bamboo houses in villages. Different technologies on chemical aspects related to bamboo huts were also explained.

Sh. Nirmal Upreti, Scientist working on timber seasoning demonstrated handicrafts made out of chemically seasoned bamboo.

Basketry making with bamboo is very common in India. An artisan friendly cluster staining (colouring) process developed by FRI was explained by Dr. Kishan Kumar.

Sh. D. P. Khali, Scientist explained about the bamboo and other weed based panel products. A plant for manufacture of these products will be set up at Tripura with technical guidance of FRI. The Minister visited division of Genetics & Tree Propagation also and saw various tree improvement programmes in various tree species. He was shown the latest DNA fingering printing techniques and other applications in forestry sector Dr. H.S. Ginwal, Head Genetics & tree Propagation Division explained the various programmes of genetics & tree improvement to the Hon'ble Minister. Minister appreciated very much the efforts taken up by FRI in front line areas of forestry research.



