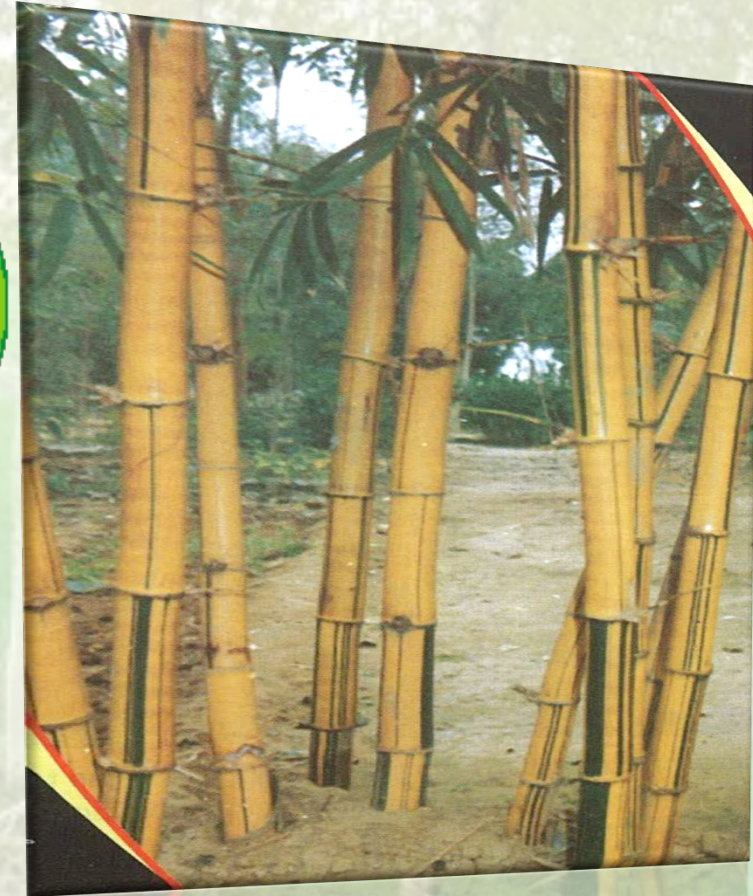


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TO
TENTH WORLD BAMBOO CONGRESS

BAMBOO FORESTS ARE IMPORTANT ON MULTIPLE COUNTS

- ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS;
- COUNTERING CLIMATE CHANGE;
- CONSERVING NATURAL RESOURCES SUCH AS SOIL, WATER, BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM;
- SUPPORTING FOOD SECURITY & LIVELIHOOD; &
- BALANCING ECOLOGICAL SECURITY AND REDUCING NATURAL HAZARDS.

BASIC FACTS ABOUT BAMBOOS

- MORE THAN 1200 SPECIES AND MORE THAN 1500 LISTED USES;
- MONOPODIAL AND CYMPODIAL BAMBOO RHIZOMES GROWING IN COLD AND HOT AREAS;
- GREGARIOUS FLOWERING CAUSES NATURAL DEATH OF BAMBOOS;
- NATURAL REGENERATION IS POSSIBLE ON PROTECTION FROM FIRE AND GRAZING; &
- BAMBOO PLANTATIONS ARE ECOLOGICALLY & ECONOMICALLY VIABLE.

CHALLENGES FACED BY BAMBOO SECTOR

- UNFAVOURABLE POLICY ENVIRONMENT;
- POOR PUBLIC AWARENESS DUE TO LACK OF EDUCATION AND EXTENSION STRATEGIES;
- LACK OF SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE & TECHNOLOGY FOR PRODUCTION, PRESERVATION & PROCESSING;
- INADEQUATE INVESTMENTS IN ESTABLISHING BAMBOO ENTERPRISES & INDUSTRIES;
- POOR COORDINATION AS WELL AS CONVERGENCE AMONG MULTIPLE SECTORS INVOLVED-NAMELY AGRICULTURE, FOREST, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT & TRADE; &
- WEAK MARKET LINKAGES.

TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION NEEDED TO BOOST GREEN ECONOMY

- IMPROVING BAMBOO PROPAGATION TECHNIQUES AND INTENSIVE PLANTATION SYSTEM TO MAKE BAMBOO SECTOR ECONOMICALLY VIABLE;
- IMPROVE INTENSIFICATION IN PRODUCTION, PRESERVATION AND PROCESSING OF BAMBOO;
- FOR VALUE ADDITION APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGIES AND TECHNIQUES SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO COLLECTORS AND RURAL PROCESSORS;
- MARKETS HAVE STRICT STANDARDS AND QUALITY REQUIREMENTS, THESE SHOULD BE KNOWN TO PRODUCER FOR AVOIDING WASTAGE; AND
- DEVELOPMENT OF PROPER TOOLS, MACHINES, GLUE etc. TO PRODUCE MODERN BAMBOO PRODUCTS BY INDUSTRIES.

ACCELARATING FUTURE GROWTH

- INCREASING NEW AND ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES FROM ALL SOURCES FOR INCREASING ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS, TO THE PEOPLE;
- PROVIDING CREDITS AND INSURANCE INFRASTRUCTURE, TECHNOLOGY, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND MARKETS TO GROWERS, TRADERS & INDUSTRIES;
- PRODUCTIVITY BREAKTHROUGHS, VALUE ADDITION, IMPROVED MARKETING FOR CREATING INCOME & EMPLOYMENT;
- IMPROVED PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT BAMBOOS THROUGH FORMAL AND NON-FORMAL EDUCATION;AND
- FINALIZING A “ROAD MAP” FOR GLOBAL/REGIONAL COLLABORATION/NETWORKING IN BAMBOO DEVELOPMENT.