

Bamboo Society of India- The Indian Bamboo Movement

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INTRODUCTION

Bamboo Society of India (BSI) was formed in a period when for the first time a group of pioneers in the country foresaw 'Bamboo' in the context of its massive economic potential. In 1989, it was formally registered and certified under the Karnataka Societies, registration Act (1960). The society's registered headquarters is situated in Bangalore City, Karnataka. BSI was started as a small society with only 5 founding members :

- Sri. K. A. Bhoja Shetty, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Retd)
- Sri. A. Krishnaswamy, Chief Conservator of Forests(Retd)
- Late Shri. S.K.VARADA RAJ, IFS (Retd)
- Late Shri. H. RAJAGOPAL SHETTY, IFS (Retd)
- Late Sri. ADKOLI, IFS (Retd)

and 2 members . Today it has grown manifold and has over 1050 members living throughout the country and in 6 other nations across the world.



Mr. Adkoli Narayan Subrao (rtd. IFS) was born in Akola-Karnataka and was the director of BSI. He single handedly was responsible for providing a vision to promote holistic growth of the bamboo sector in India along with the other founding members. He was a member of many other esteemed organizations like Society of Water Development etc. and through them was responsible for spreading awareness and raising key issues of the bamboo sector.

The Vision

It was with a vision of promoting the holistic growth of bamboo sector in India that BSI was formed, by stalwarts like Late Shri. N. S. Adkoli (IFS), Late Shri. K. A. Bhoja Shetty (IFS), Late Shri A. Krishnaswamy, and taken forward by Dr. D. N. Tiwari (IFS), Shri. A. C Laxman (IFS), Late Shri Hiremath, IFS and many such thought leaders of the country. They worked with scientists and people from across the world , and conducted and attended numerous national and international seminars and conferences on bamboo. They also successfully undertook study tours, researches etc to revitalize the bamboo sector and take it forward.

Shri. D. N Tiwari (IFS), one of the founding members furthered the society's aspirations by playing the role of the main architect in the formation of India's first Bamboo Mission – NMBA- National Mission for Bamboo Applications. It is a government body promoting bamboo and it's applications at the national level and had state chapters. It would be no exaggeration to label them as among the fore runners of bamboo revolution not just in India but at a global level.

OBJECTIVES OF THE SOCIETY

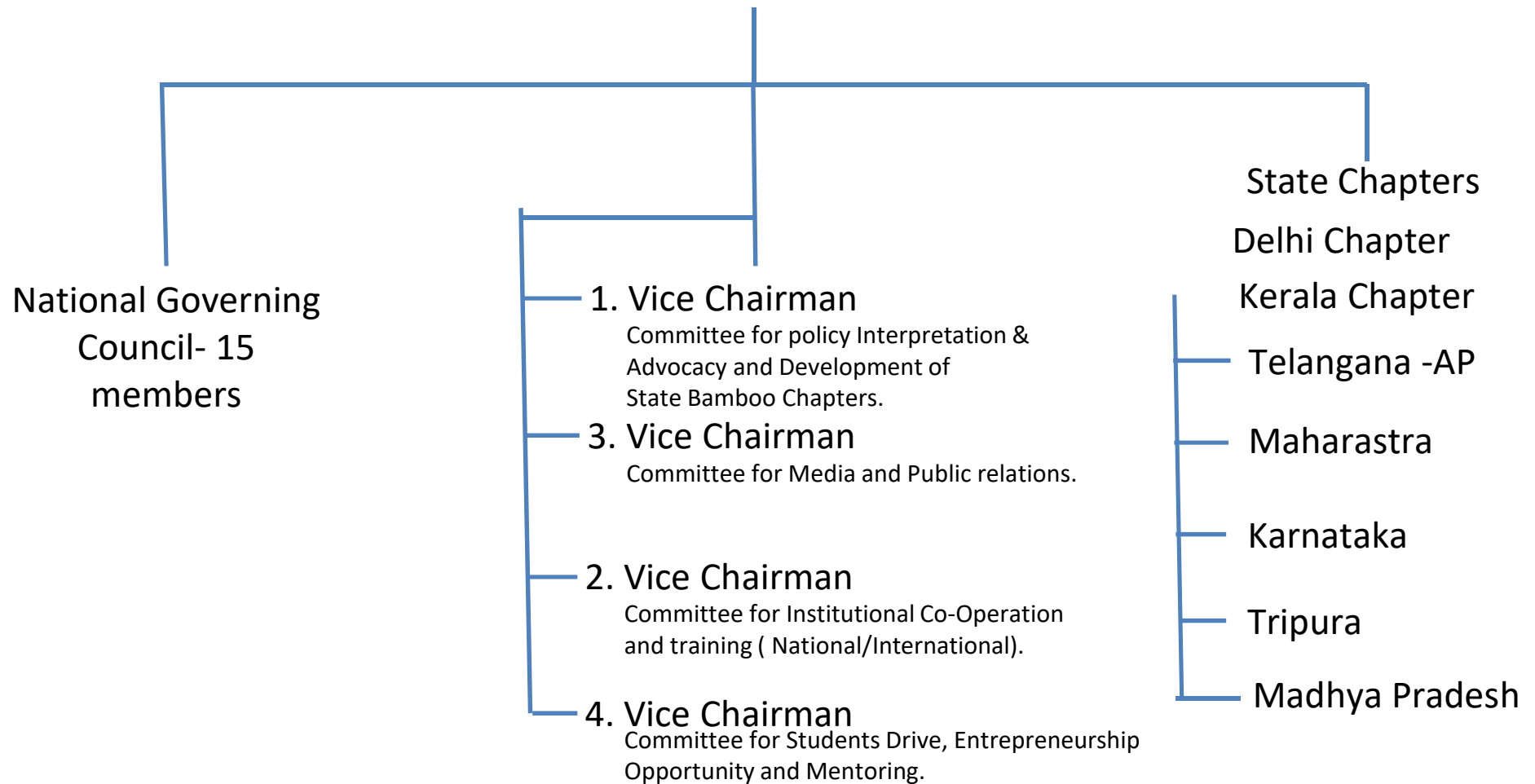
Following their indelible footsteps today, BSI is endeavoring towards tapping the unrealized potential of the bamboo sector

- The society encourages and sponsors scientific study and research on bamboo.
- It constantly acquires data and disseminates it, on all aspects pertaining to the development of bamboo.
- BSI organizes conferences, seminars, workshops and exhibitions pertaining to bamboo
- and is constantly involved in organizing training to farmers in the field of management, utilization and marketing of bamboos.
- It serves as consultant to National and International organisations on bamboo development.
- Undertakes implementation of bamboo development projects on behalf of public or private bodies
- Most importantly it works as an advocacy group policy development for the bamboo sector
- Any other activity for promotion of bamboo

Administrative structure of BSI

Chairman

Executive Director & Treasurer



FOUNDER MEMBERS OF BSI

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- Sri. ADKOLI, IFS (Retd)
- Sri. B. K. C. Rjan
- Shri. S. G. NEGINHAL, IFS (Retd)
- Alva's Educational Foundation
- NMAM Institute of Technology
- Sahyadri Foundation Sayadri Campus
- Ratnakar Shetty
- Sudeesh Karunakaran
- Sri. V. Ramakrishnan
- M/s. Tata Coffee Limited
- Sri. Neelkanth Dnyaneshwar Aher

STATEMENT OF ALL STATE CHAPTERS

SL. NO	STATE CHAPTERS	TOTAL MEMBERS	Chairman
1.	Bamboo Society Of India, HQ	345	Dr. K. Sundar Naik, IFS
	Overseas Member	16	HQ
2.	Andhra Pradesh & Telangana Chapter	143	Sri. R. K. Mehta
3.	New Delhi Chapter	32	Dr A K Bhattacharya, IFS (R)
4.	Maharashtra Chapter	277	Sri. Sunil Vishwasrao Joshi
5.	Tripura Chapter	0	Dr. Pawan K Kaushik
6.	Madhya Pradesh Chapter	6	Sri. Subhash Bhatia
7.	Kerala Chapter	44	Dr. K. V. Mohammed Kunhi
8.	Karnataka Chapter	168	Ar. Neelam Manjunath
9.	Total	1031	

The society aims to promote bamboo sector across India through these state chapters, they are continuously working towards achieving the objectives of BSI.

Overseas Members

- The Southern California Chapter of The American Bamboo Society
- The American Bamboo Society- Pacific North West Chapter
- Mr Karl Bareis, The International Bamboo Association, International Coordinator, California
- The Bamboo Society, EBS Great, The Librar, Royal Botanic Gardens- Kew, Great Britain
- Mr Abid Latif Mohamed, Forest Research Institute, Malyasia(FRIM)
- Mr Kant Sashi, University of Toranto
- Pacific North West Bamboo, USA
- International Development Research Center (IDRC), Singapore
- Bamboo Informatie Centrum , Netherland
- Coastarican Institute of Technology, Cartago- Costa Rica
- And many more

Few of the Recent Programs by BSI

- International bamboo conclave 2014
- Bamboo Cultural Fest 2016
- World Bamboo Day 2017
- World Bamboo Day 2018

Activities





(L to R) Mr. U.T. Alva, Mr. N.S. Adkoli, Mr. Sujit Das, Mr. K.Kurian, Mr. R.K. Mehta, Mr. Antonio Levissianos, Dr. Syam Viswanath

Study tour undertaken to study the scope of commercial investments in raising bamboo plantations in Karnataka from 28th to 30th march, 2011

International Bamboo Conclave 2014





World Bamboo Day 2014

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Design Competitions



"Sun-breakers"
Hands on Workshop
with Bamboo



Hands on
Bamboo Workshop



Bamboozled
Bamboo Fashion Show



Bamboo Cultural Fest'16
Sep 17&18, 10:00am to 7:30pm
Venue - Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Bangalore

Exhibition/Sales & Demo




Bamboo Art



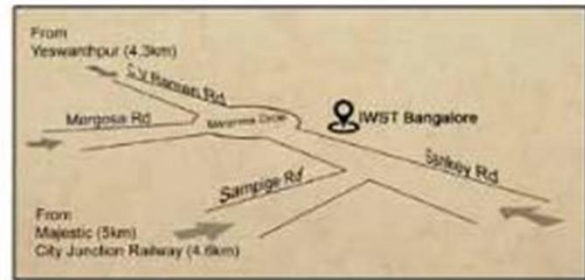
Bamboo music & Food



Talks & Lectures



Chief Guest :
Michel Abadie
President
World Bamboo Organisation



Bamboo Walks




IWST Bangalore



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Bamboo Cultural Fest'16



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World Bamboo Day 2017





BAMBOO SOCIETY OF INDIA
BENGALURU



WORLD BAMBOO DAY' 2017

Inauguration :
16th September 2017 at 11.A.M

Invitation

Venue:
Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath
No.1, Art Complex, Kumara Krupa Road,
Bengaluru - 560 001

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World Bamboo Day'17



World Bamboo Day 2018



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Bamboo bike



A forest official tests a bamboo bicycle at a World Bamboo Day event on Tuesday, DH PHOTO/JANARDHAN B K





State Chapters

AP and Telangana Chapter



Lectures and Discussions regarding the future of Bamboo construction

World Bamboo Day'18



Planting of Bamboo





BSI Maharashtra Chapter





THE INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
NAGPUR CENTRE
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BAMBOO SOCIETY OF INDIA

7:30 AM
 depart from Nagpur
 breakfast in bus
 tea break at Jam

11:00 AM
 Reach Chichpalli
 explore 11:00 - 1:00
 interact 1:00 - 1:30
 lunch 1:30 - 2:30
 departure 3:00
 tea break at Jam

6:00 PM
 back to Nagpur

Site VISIT @
 Ongoing Project
 Bamboo Research &
 Training Centre,
 at Chichpalli,
 Chandrapur
Sunday, 07 | OCT | 18
 Registration Fees
 INR 1500.00 includes
 Breakfast | Lunch | Travel

register on or before
30 | Sept | 18

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Explore the Site
 Interact with Experts

Maharashtra Chapter

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Architects urged to plan for more use of bamboo

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Over 35 practicing and faculty architects of IIA this week joined Bamboo Society of India (BSI), Maharashtra C... Read More

Nagpur: The Bamboo Research Training Centre (BRTC) at Chichpalli in Chandrapur district has urged the Indian Institute of Architects (IIA), Nagpur Chapter, to fill vacuum in bamboo architecture.

Over 35 practicing and faculty architects of IIA this week joined Bamboo Society of India (BSI), Maharashtra Chapter, in an exploratory visit-cum-workshop to BRTC to study bamboo resource and its technical

applications in its ongoing project.

Site Visit'18



Maharashtra Chapter

Bamboo for Sustainable Development

An interactive and informative conference

23rd & 24th February, 2017 (10 am to 5 pm)
Maharshi Karve Shikshan Sanstha's, Dr. Nanawati College of Architecture
Campus (BNCA), Off Karve Road, Pune.

Bamboo – no words can do justice to its grandeur! It is a crop economically beneficial not just to farmers and entrepreneurs, but also to the entire nation. Be it agriculture, construction, furniture, handicrafts, industrial use or trade, bamboo contributes to all these fields, generates employment opportunities and also helps preserve the environment.

Bamboo is a wonder grass which is grown in various parts of our country. Maharashtra is also blessed with many species of bamboos which can be used for various applications. In an endeavor to sensitize and give hands-on experience to people interested in knowing about this green gold, **Bamboo Society of India, Maharashtra Chapter** is proud to present an interactive & informative two-day conference on 'Bamboo for Sustainable Development'. This unique experience will make you aware of the finer aspects of bamboo products, structures, industry, cultivation, propagation, harvesting and government schemes. The conference will include lectures, panel discussions, demonstrations and bamboo expo.

Bamboo cultivators, businessmen, architects, interior designers, furniture makers & bamboo lovers are most welcome!

Join us as we take our first step towards sustainable development with Bamboo.

Program outline

23rd February, 2017 (Day 1): Bamboo Utilities – Products, structures and industry

Experts will share their views and experiences on various topics like bamboo construction, use of bamboo in furniture, other industrial usage like plyboard, agarbatti, energy generation and bamboo trading.

24th February, 2017 (Day 2): Bamboo Cultivation

Bamboo plantation techniques, bamboo in rural economics, bamboo craft, need of training for bamboo business and setting up of rural enterprises.

A Souvenir on Bamboo plantation, application and business will be released on this occasion.

Bamboo Expo – A display of various applications, utilities, structures, plantation materials, treatment techniques, books and tools will be organized at the venue.

Registration fees

	Professionals	Students	BSI Members
Day 1 & 2	Rs. 1000	Rs. 500	Rs. 750
Only Day 2	Rs. 300	Rs. 200	Rs. 250

Contact for Souvenir
Booj Consultancy & Services, Pune
020-25444153, bamboosouvenir17@gmail.com

Organizing Committee

Arch. Suneel Joshi | Hemant Bedekar | Dr. Nachiket Thakur | Arch. Sayali Andhare



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BSI Maharashtra Chapter Conference '17

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Symposium on

Bamboo - Emerging Source of Energy for Industries

Date: 10 January 2019

Time: 2.30 p.m. onwards

Venue: Physics Assembly Hall



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VNIT Symposium'18

STUDENT'S TRAINING - 2018



FARMER'S TRAINING-2018

HIGHLIGHTS

- Representation of BSI in 27 districts of Maharashtra out of 35 districts
- 225 members within 2 years of establishment
- Training program for students of architecture, Interior design are proposed within next 6 months
- Farmer gathering for awareness of bamboo cultivation are proposed within next 4 months before plantation season.

Karnataka Chapter





Krishi Mela 2018



Participation in Lake Rejuvenation

Tripura Chapter

Construction of Low Cost, Earthquake Resilient Bamboo Houses Using Treated Bamboos

Nuruj Jaman Islam and Pawan K Kaushik

Tripura and North-eastern part of India comes under Zone V of earth quake susceptible zone. It is difficult for the marginalized population in hilly areas of Tripura to afford pucca house to them. High degree of earthquake susceptibility in hilly region makes the high cost pucca houses unfeasible and risky for the low income groups of hill communities. North-eastern part of India is blessed with ample Bamboo resources. Tensile strength of 28000 pounds per square inch makes Bamboo one of the strongest building materials. The strong mechanical properties of bamboo enable it to withstand heavy loads of concrete during building construction.

To serve the dual purpose of promoting earthquake resilient Bamboo house and community micro-enterprise development through supply of treated Bamboos using VPI Treatment Plant to extend its durability FRC-LE came up with an ambitious project sponsored by National Mission on Himalayan Studies (NMHS). Keeping in view the limited budget provisions in mind, FRC-LE came up with a low-cost, earthquake resilient and eco-friendly Bamboo house design which serves the interest of marginalised hill people of Tripura.

Construction of bamboo buildings through a participatory approach at both the project sites (Machmara and Barkathal) are in progress by imparting trainings on different aspects on bamboo treatment and house constructions to the local target groups.

Fig: Making of Bamboo truss and panel for wall construction

Cost involved in Construction of each Bamboo House (400 sq ft)

Items of Expenditure

Cost

Bamboo (Treated)

Barak (*Bambusa balcooa*)

2000

Muli (*Melocana baccifera*)

6900

Kanakkaich (*Thyrsostachys oliveri*)

3600

Roof tin and ridging

17141

Bricks

15765

Cement

7656

Sand

2850

Stone Chips

7600

Nut-bolts, J- Hooks

2329

Paint and burnish

1000

Sand Paper

100

GI wire

240

Clamps

1530

Master Trainers/Labourers

7000

Other Misc. construction expenses

4289

Total

80000

Approx. 25 man-days were contributed by the participating communities during training etc.

Advantages of Bamboo houses:

Earthquake resilient:

Bamboo has higher tensile strength than many alloys of steel.

Higher compressive strength to concrete mixtures.

Higher strength to weight ratio gives it a light weight but heavy strength.

Symmetrical layout in scientifically design bamboo house structure evenly distributes the load.

The whole structure acts as a single entity as walls are interconnected.

Low cost and eco-friendly:

The cost of construction of FRC-LE designed Bamboo house comes to Rs. 80000/- only.

Raw materials are easily available.

Bamboo houses are eco-friendly and has a soothing micro-climate inside.

Bamboo house are low cost designs which can be afforded by the low income groups of people in Hill regions

Treated Bamboos makes the structure more durable which may be maintained for even 50 years. (The Author is Forest

Research Centre for Livelihood Extension, Agartala)



The Green Technology Club-BSI

BSI calls engg students to start bamboo clubs

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Nagpur: To give a boost to bamboo industry, the Bamboo Society of India (BSI), Maharashtra chapter, has invited all engineering and architecture students start bamboo technology clubs.

The appeal comes on the eve of World Bamboo Day on September 18, which will be celebrated by BCI with next generation engineers by BCI, Maharashtra chapter and students of Priyadarshini College of Engineering (PCE).



Publications



Architect Neelam Manjunath with Michel Abadie, President, World Bamboo Organisation | Photo Credit: [mail](#)

The Bamboo Cultural Fest this weekend at the Institute of Wood Science and Technology will feature expert talks, video screenings, pioneers' works and budding designers, apart from a fashion show. A look by RANJANI GOVIND

Let's make Bangalore the first city to launch bamboo nationally and be a part of this global change, says Neelam Manjunath, Managing Trustee, Centre for Green Building Materials & Technology, Bengaluru. Several institutes in Bengaluru working towards the propagation of bamboo are coming

together to celebrate a Bamboo Cultural Fest to commemorate World Bamboo Day (September 18) at the Institute of Wood Science and Technology (IWST), Malleswaram, on September 24 & 25. It is a joint initiative of IWST, the Centre for Green Building Materials and Technology (CGBMT), Manasaram Architects, Bamboo Society of India (BSI), RR College of Architecture, and IPIRTI.

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EDITORIAL

In this issue, we are publishing an article authored by Dr. Syam Viswanath, Mrs. Sruthi Subbanna, Mrs. Lubina P. A, Mrs. Sandhya M.C. and Mrs. Pavithra G.M., Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Bengaluru.

The article primarily Focus on Bamboo Biomass production in various Agro Climatic Conditions of Karnataka and Maharashtra States. The studies conducted on above ground Biomass, productivity and overall growth of *Bambusa balcooa*.

It also gives a comparative account of few important Bamboo species with their climatic zone and its utilization potential. The result shown that Bamboos have great potential for plantation and agro Forests and Farm Forestry options if planted appropriate species in a particular Climatic zone.

We sincerely convey our gratitude to the author of this article.

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Bamboo can largely replace wood and steel in construction and there is a need to highlight its features. This is what the International Bamboo Conclave and Expo will strive to do, says architect Neelam Manjunath in an interview

India is the second largest producer of bamboo in the world, next to China. There are 1,750 species grown in the world, as one-fifth of the world population uses bamboo as a construction material today. In India though, bamboo penetration into the construction industry is yet to be realised. Experts say that one has to understand bamboo for its 100 per cent green character, with self-motivated appreciation after perceiving the dynamic characteristics and chemical composition of the material.

Stalwarts of BSI

- Late Dr Adkoli
- Dr D N Tiwari- Utthan foundation, World Bamboo Pioneer
- A C Laxman- called the Bamboo Man
- Indian Plywood Industrial Research and Training Institute, Bangalore
- Indian Wood Science Institute, Bangalore,
- Pointec Ltd
- Dr N Bharathi
- Ar Neelam Manjunath- CGBMT, Manasaram Architects
- Ar Sunil Joshi- Vedha Foundation
- R K Mehta- Bamboo Entrepreneur
- Sanjeev Karpe -Native Konback
- Dr Ajoy Bhattacharya - Green Highways Authority
- Shri Subhash Bhatia
- Shri Sagar Mutha- Mutha Industries
- Prof Nirmala Chotham
- Prof Madho Bist
- Dr Syam Vishwanath- Dir KFRI
- ITC
- And many more

- All in all BSI has representatives in almost all the sectors of development of Bamboo ! It has been silently connecting the dots for 30 years for a holistic development of bamboo sector pan India.

The Road Ahead

Today, Bamboo Society of India is fast a growing organisation and consists of students, artisans, activists, NGOs, growers, farmers, entrepreneurs, enterprises, artisan federations, researchers, botanists, nursery and plantation owners, architects, product designers, engineers, MSME's, technocrats, teachers, doctorates, master craftsmen, women, trainers, professors, professionals, design institutions, enthusiasts, bamboo lovers etc.

Every year BSI celebrates World Bamboo Day with great enthusiasm and involvement. It is through these events that BSI is striving to spread and reach out to larger groups of people and investors about the understated potential of bamboo in a country like ours where everyday economic development and possibilities are being looked out for.