

Title	<p>All India Coordinated Research Project on Bamboo (AICRP-2) NPC: Dr. Ajay Thakur Scientist-G, Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun</p> <p>Component 8: Extension, technology transfer and capacity building</p>
Principal Investigator	M. Maria Dominic Savio, Scientist E
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Start and Completion dates	2019-2025 (five years)
Objectives Extension, technology transfer and capacity building	
Funding Agency	MoEF & cc
Total budget outlay	Rs. 33.10 lakhs
SUMMARY	
<p>Under this project, a bambusetum with 48 species were established at Iduvai village in Palladamtaluk, Tirupur district. As part of the Tamil Nadu government's Maragathapoonchollai scheme, a bambusetum with 13 species was established at Maragathapoonchollai, Kurukkupuram village in Namakkal District. Around 56 bamboo species were assembled and are being maintained with identity for establishing bambusetums in future. Addition of latest bamboo handicrafts and value-added products were added to the existing bamboo collection being maintained in the bamboo hut. In order to disseminate information on the multifaceted benefits of bamboo to the society, 5 posters on the topics of ecological functions of bamboo, bamboo as food, bamboo handicrafts, bamboo in landscape gardening & bamboo construction works were prepared in English and then translated into vernacular languages, Tamil & Malayalam. A hands-on handicraft-making workshop entitled 'Bamboo - The Wonder Grass' was conducted as part of the World Bamboo Day celebrations on September 17th and 18th, 2022 was organized in collaboration with G18, a Non-Governmental Organization based in Coimbatore. Around 18 participants, including school and college students, teachers, entrepreneurs and artists, attended the workshop.</p> <p>Post training, a Whatsapp group (IFGTB Bamboo Ambassadors) consisting of trainees of various bamboo-based trainings held earlier was formed and periodical information on bamboo cultivation as well as bamboo value addition is being posted.</p>	