

BAMBOO DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, COMMERCE & INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT  
GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM  
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1. CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

a. *Setting up of Clusters*

Bamboo Development Agency has set up different bamboo clusters which include 8 Bamboo Handicraft Clusters, 9 Bamboo Furniture Clusters, 2 Bamboo Agarbatti Clusters and 5 other Bamboo Clusters till date under Cluster Development Programme. Some of the intervention held in the clusters during the year 2019-2020 are as below:

b. *Training Inside the State*

- i) Two Months training on Thul (a traditional mizo basket/ trunk for keeping valuable items) Making was conducted for Chite Bamboo Handicraft Cluster during 13<sup>th</sup> June to 12<sup>th</sup> August 2019. This Training was attended by 23 members of the cluster, 21 members are female and other 2 are male. The training was conducted in order to pass on the skill of making the items to the younger generation.
- ii) Two Months Training on Thlangra (bamboo sieve) and Emtah( bamboo basketry) was successfully conducted for Khawruhlian Bamboo Cluster during 16<sup>th</sup> September to 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2019. This Training was attended by 20 members of the cluster, 2 members are female and other 18 are male. The training was conducted in order to pass on the skill of making the items to the younger generation.
- iii) Two Weeks Training on Bamboo & Cane Handicraft was conducted for Chite and Edenthar Bamboo Handicraft Cluster in association with Foundation for MSME Cluster and Darwin Society during 22<sup>nd</sup> January to 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020. 30 members each from the two clusters underwent this training programme successfully. At present market for the items made during the training is being looked for.

- c. *Training Outside the State*
  - i) Five (5) artisans from Khawruhlian Bamboo Cluster was sent to undergo Training on ' Manufacturing of Bamboo Bag and allied product' held during 3<sup>rd</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 at Cane and Bamboo Technology Centre, Burnihat, Assam.
  - ii) Ten (10)artisans from Lengpui Bamboo Furniture Cluster were sponsored by BDA to undergo Training on '*30 days Residential Training Program*' on Bamboo furniture, Bamboo turning and Bamboo utility items during 1<sup>st</sup> August – 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 at the Bamboo and Cane Development Institute (BCDI), Agartala.
  - iii) Five (5) artisans from Lengpui Bamboo furniture cluster was again sent to under-go 'Training on Bamboo Processing Machine & Maintenance' ( Special techniques of finishing) held during 11<sup>th</sup> February- 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2020 at Cane and Bamboo Technology Centre, Burnihat, Assam.

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3. COMMON FACILITY CENTRE

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#### 4. UPGRADATION OF INDUSTRIAL ESTATE ZUANGTUI

On- going works for Up-gradation of Zuangtui Industrial Estate, Aizawl under the scheme of Modified Industrial Infrastructure Up gradation Scheme under Ministry of Commerce & Industries, Government of India has been taken up and the project is almost completed.