



STAKE HOLDER'S WORKSHOP ON NATIONAL BAMBOO MISSION

A one day Stake holder's workshop on **National Bamboo Mission** was organized on Dec., 8, 2008 at School of Biotechnology, SMVDU, Katra jointly by State Forest Research Institute, J&K Govt., Jammu and SMVDU, Katra. Prof. N.K. Bansal, Vice Chancellor SMVDU, Katra was the chief guest and Mrs. Sonali Kumar Pr. Secretary Agriculture Production, J&K Govt., presided over the function.



The workshop was addressed by eminent Forest, Agriculture and University scientists. Important among them were Prof. N.K. Bansal, Vice Chancellor SMVDU, Katra, Mrs. Sonali Kumar Pr. Secretary Agriculture Production, J&K Govt., Jammu, Mr. R.D. Tiwari, Director SFRI, J&K Govt., Jammu; Mr. Suresh Chug, Conservator of Forests, Jammu. As Sh. Iqbal Khandey IAS, Pr. Secy. (Forest). Govt. of J&K and Mr. Irshad Ahmad Khan IFS Pr. CCF, J&K could not attend the workshop their messages were read by Mr. Suresh Chug, Conservator of Forests, Jammu.



After the inaugural function the workshop continued in the form two technical sessions. Technical Session-I was chaired by Mr. Vinod Ranjan, Director Forest Protection Force and Mr. Lal Chand, Director, Soil Conservation Department and three papers were read. Mr. K. Ananth IFS gave a detailed presentation on “National Bamboo Mission and its Guidelines”; Sh. Suresh Chugh IFS presented his paper on “Bamboo: Habitat Distribution and conservation issues” and Dr. Mohd. Saleem, SKUAST, Jammu presented his paper on “Prospects of Bamboo Plantation in Jammu and Kashmir”.

The Technical Session-II was chaired by Mr. R.D. Tiwari, Director, SFRI and Mr. Kuldesh Sharma, Chief Agri. Officer, Jammu. The following papers were presented: “Status report on Conservation and cultivation of Indian Bamboo through tissue culture” by Dr. Sharada Mallubhotla, SMVDU; “Role of Bamboo in Biodiversity Conservation” by Dr. Omprakash Sharma, SFRI, Jammu; “DNA Fingerprinting & Bamboo Mission” by Prof. V.Verma SMVDU and “Bamboo Art and Craft in North East” by Mr. Samuel Changjlika.

The technical sessions were followed by the Valedictory function chaired by Prof. N.K. Bansal, Vice Cancellor SMVDU, Katra. Mr. R.D. Tiwari, Director SFRI, J&K Govt., Jammu briefed the chairman on the proceedings of the technical sessions. With vote of thanks by Dr. Omprakash Sharma, SFRI, Jammu the workshop was declared as closed.