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## Honey Processing Cluster, Lohardaga

A 5-day training program on modern beekeeping was conducted for 10 beekeepers from Lohardaga Honey Processing Cluster. The program was held at the Integrated Beekeeping Development Centre



located at Ramnagar in Kurukshetra from 29 January to 02 February 2024. Participants were eager to enhance their beekeeping skills and knowledge. Guided by expert instructors, the training sessions provided a comprehensive overview of modern beekeeping practices, covering fundamental principles to cutting-edge technologies. Engaging in rigorous classroom sessions, participants explored diverse topics including honey bee life cycles, colony organization, apiary management, and honey processing techniques.

Hands-on practical demonstrations complemented theoretical learning, offering invaluable experience in tasks such as assembling beehives, identifying honey bee castes, and preparing comb foundation sheets. The program concluded with participants praising its informative and beneficial nature, expressing newfound motivation and enthusiasm for advancing their beekeeping ventures. The training program has visibly empowered and inspired the bee farmers of the Honey Processing Cluster.



## Joint Director, MSME-DFO Visits Silver Jewelry Cluster, Sukrigarha, Ramgarh



Shri Indrajeet Yadav, Joint Director, MSME-DFO visited the Gold & Silver Jewellery Cluster, Sukrigarha, Ramgarh on 20 February 2024. He met with a few artisans and took an insight on the progress of the cluster. He physically inspected Common Facility Centre (CFC) and Machineries.

He observed the process of jewellery making and advantages of CFC machinery for value addition of the product. He gave various suggestions for effective utilisation of CFC.

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## Nitte Jackfruit Processing Cluster, Karnataka

Executive Committee Meeting held on 08 February 2024 at Suphala Farmers Producer Company Limited, significant decisions were made regarding the development of the Nitte Jackfruit Processing Cluster. Key members present included Managing Director Mr. Naveen Nayak, Executive Director, Mr. Ramesh Kamath and other distinguished Directors and Committee Members. The meeting marked a pivotal moment as Mr. Ramesh Kamath was formally introduced as the Executive Director for Suphala Farmers Producer



Company Limited, bringing his expertise to lead the cluster's initiatives. Plans were also laid out for the procurement of raw materials essential for the operations, alongside crucial training sessions to ensure proficiency in operating all machinery within the cluster.



This meeting came on the heels of major milestones achieved in the cluster's development. The completion of the CFC (Cold Storage and Processing Facility). Furthermore, the successful procurement and installation of 19 out of 21 machinery units, including essential equipment such as a Vacuum Fryer, Retort, Halwa Making Machine and others, have propelled the cluster towards operational readiness. The recent approval of the boiler by Mangaluru Division

Inspectors on 24 January 2024, ensures compliance and safety standards are met for seamless operations.

Looking ahead, the cluster is poised for further advancements. Mr. K. N. Janardhan, Managing Director of Siri (Implementing Agency), visited the cluster to assess progress in machinery installation and building construction and to plan for processing operations. This visit underscores the meticulous planning and execution underway to bring the cluster to full operational capacity. Product trial done on 13 February 2024 Jackfruit Halwa, Diabetic Atta, Jackfruit Chips.



## Chandrugonda Bamboo Cluster, Telangana

The Implementing agency of Chandrugonda Bamboo Cluster has recently organised Skill Development Programmes focusing on Bamboo Handicrafts and Bamboo Furniture, respectively. Each programme lasted for one month and had 30 participants, making a total of 60 participants for both sessions. The training took place at the Chandrugonda Bamboo Cluster and aimed to teach essential skills in bamboo crafting.



The programmes were led by four experienced trainers: Mr. Vaasam Nageshwar Rao, Ms. Vaasam Sarojini, Mr. Sherla Krishna and Mr. Athram Bheem Rao. They started on 05 February 2024 and ended on 07 March 2024, covering a wide range of topics related to bamboo crafting. The programmes began with an inauguration ceremony on 05 February 2024, where participants were introduced to bamboo crafting basics and given practical demonstrations.

Topics included an introduction to bamboo, harvesting techniques, grading, storage methods, tools and equipment, and basic bamboo working methods. Participants also learned to make various bamboo handicraft items such as Bamboo Basket, Basket Tray, Bamboo Pen Stand, and Bamboo Kitchen Set. Throughout the month-long training, participants gained valuable skills and knowledge, contributing to the growth of the bamboo industry in the region.



## Hoshiarpur Wooden Inlay Cluster, Punjab

The Hoshiarpur Wooden Inlay Cluster organized 15-day training program from 01 to 24 February 2024, with 20 artisans enrolled from Mona Kallan, Naru Nangal, Jahan Kallan, Mashuli Baramh Patti, and Bohan Boothgarh villages. The training focused on introducing power tools such as Electric Planer etc, & emphasizing safe usage and maintenance. Artisans were trained in maintaining a clean working area, safe storage of tools, and proper handling of sharp-edge tools. Practical sessions included demonstrations of marking, measurement, and planning tools, ensuring artisans were proficient in safety protocols and work processes. Upon completion, artisans were equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary for woodwork, designing, carving, and inlay work, ready to apply their training in their craft. The enthusiastic response from participants indicates a readiness to implement their newly acquired skills.



## Annatdev Woodcraft Cluster, Jharkhand

Artisans from the Annatdev Woodcraft Cluster recently embarked on an exposure visit to the India International Wood Expo in Bengaluru. They explored cutting-edge woodcraft products and machinery, gaining valuable insights into industry trends. The expo also facilitated networking opportunities, fostering potential collaborations. The visit promises to enhance the cluster's expertise and innovation in woodcraft



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