

Department of Biotechnology

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Title of the event: Skill and Capacity building program for tribal artisans in bamboo craft sector

Name of the organizer: DBT-Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology (RGCB), Thiruvananthapuram

Date and Time: 15 days from 4th August

URL on Media news: <https://youtu.be/evbS8cQ9Cxo>

Brief background/purpose of the event:

Now-a-days, traditional bamboo craft items such as mats and baskets have less demand among the consumers mainly due to the availability of plastic items at lower cost. Because of the low income, the traditional bamboo artisans are facing severe economic crisis and they are searching for other options like agriculture labours, daily wages in construction works etc. The traditional bamboo craft artisans and associated livelihood opportunities are fastly disappearing from the tribal culture itself. To revamp the rich skill of tribal artisans, and to compete with the modern plastic items available in modern markets, skill and capacity building programs are necessary. They should be encouraged to make diverse utility items like kitchen items, Office stationary items etc. As part of DST-Tribal Heritage project, DBT-RGCB has organized 15 days skill and capacity building program for tribal bamboo artisans in Idukki District, Kerala.