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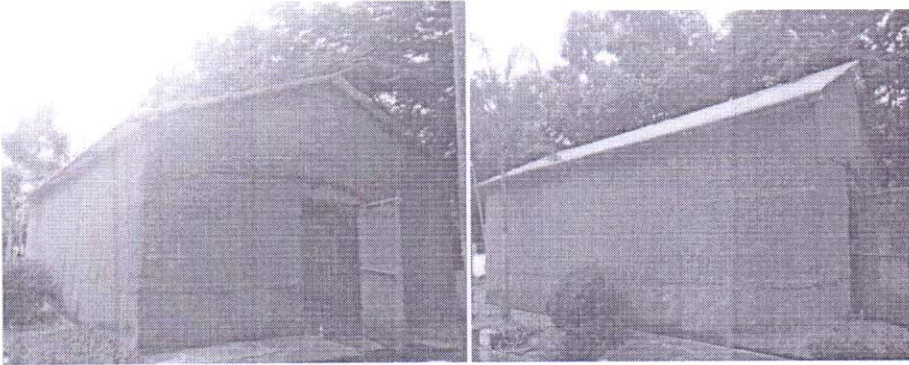
**विषय Sub:- Material for inclusion in the Report on the Significant
Events of the Ministry for the period from 24.06.2017 to
20.07.2017 – reg.**

The Important events/discussions/decisions pertaining to Coir Board for the period from 24.06.2017 to 20.07.2017 are furnished below.

एस&टी कार्यकलाप / S&T ACTIVITIES

- Director, RDTE, represented the Board in the Textile India-2017 organized by the Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India from 30th June 2017 to 2nd July 2017, in Ahmedabad, Gujarat which was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri. Narendra Modi. The subject of classifying coir as a technical textile fibre was discussed in detail at the 'Round Table Session on Standards on Technical Textiles' held on 1st July 2017. Also participated in the Conference on "Productivity & Product Diversification-Challenges for Natural Fibres which was chaired by the Minister of Textiles, Shri. Smriti Irani & Shri. Anantakumar, Minister of Chemical & Fertilizers.
- Technical presentation of project proposals viz. "Setting Up Of A Pilot Scale Plant For The Extraction Of Sodium Lignosulphonate From Coir Pith For Diversified Applications" by P.Sunder Rajan, Prorietor, M/S.Tricon Prefab, Cochin-68 & "Development of Process for the Production of Activated Carbon from Coir pith and its application for arsenic and fluoride removal in drinking water" by CSIR-National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology Thiruvananthapuram & CSIR-North East Institute of Science & Technology, Jorhat, Assam-785006 before Hon. Chairman and Secretary, Coir Board on 11th July 2017 at CCRI. The innovative R&D Technologies developed by the Department were exhibited to the chief guests and discussed about the relevance of the same.

- Collaborative project with M/s. SoReVa, Navi Mumbai, entitled “Establishment of an Aquaponics system in the CCRI campus and conduction of experimental analysis on the same using composted coir pith as a growth medium” has commenced in CCRI with the erection of coir net house in the premises. The infrastructure for the aquaponics system is being constructed under the associated guidance of both the parties. Composted coir pith is used in the system as growth and filtering media. The system requires a minimal growth area and provide increased growth rate of plants and fish in a weather shielded environment.



AQUAPONICS SYSTEM CONSTRUCTED AT CCRI

- The ecofriendly technology of “**Biochem**” developed by Coir Board was standardized and is being popularized all around India.
- Janatha Mattresses and pillows have been prepared using coir fibres which were bio-bleached and softened for their quality improvement by Biochem treatment. Five Janatha Mattresses and pillows were prepared in the Department and three out of it was sent to Ministry for display.
- Work pertaining to the In-House project entitled “Standardization of KrishiMithra for agri/horti end uses & popularization in coconut growing states” involves the popularization of the technology through demonstrations in all coconut growing states. As a part of the work demonstrations have already been conducted at three coconut growing states viz. Kerala, Odisha, and Andhra Pradesh. More sites are being identified at other coconut growing states like Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.
- Fabrication of a fully automatic power loom Anugraha"Tejus" to weave coir geo textiles is on the finishing stage. This loom is designed to weave different varieties of coir geotextiles with a provision to automatically increased the width for weaving, so that the production can be increased.
- Diversified products and coir jewellery has been developed for displaying in the exhibitions organized by Coir Board.

- The in-house projects viz. Standardization, Improvisation and Popularization of Fibre Magic treatment on Machine Extracted Fibres, Standardization of KrishiMithra for agri/horti end uses & popularization in coconut growing states, Scaling up of the process of extraction of Sodium Lignosulphonate from coir pith for diversified applications, Study on coir pith/coir fibre Nanocellulose for hygiene and absorbent products, Potential of Biodegraded coir pith (C-POM) for setting up of Roof/Home/Vertical garden etc. are undergoing.
- Developed incense pellets from coir pith and some medicinal herbs in the ratio 95:5. The pellets are burning with zero residues and with pleasant smoke. This can be used to mosquito repellent. Works are ongoing for the natural binder for the pellets.

कयर विकास योजना / COIR VIKAS YOJANA

- 27th June 2017 was observed as **International MSME Day** in all the establishments of the Board. 9 Workshops and 2 Awareness Programmes were organised on the day. In the workshop conducted at H O, Coir Board, Kochi, Shri.Yoganand, Chief Manager, Bank of Baroda, Kochi was the Chief Guest.
- As a part of '**Swatchhata Action Plan**' a Medical Camp was organised at NCT&DC, Kalavoor on 21.7.2017 under the guidance of Director, RDTE, CCRI, Kalavoor.
- HRD training was conducted by the Board at Alappuzha during 11-14 July,2017 to the key personnel of SFURTI Clusters.
- The Board organised an Awareness Programmes on GST (Goods and Services Tax) for SFURTI Clusters and Coir Associations in Tamil Nadu on 19.7.2017. A similar session was also held at Board's H O for the Officers & Staff on 24.7.2017 which was handled by Shri Abraham Renn IRS, Deputy Director, Central Board of Excise and Customs(CBEC), Kochi.
- The Board participated in the following two Domestic Exhibitions during the reporting period.

Sl No	Particulars	Place	Per iod
1	HGH India 2017	BEC, Goregaon, Mumbai	4 - 6 July 2017
2	Food & Technology Expo 2017	Pragati Maidan, New Delhi	14 - 16 July 2017

- An amount of Rs. 2,69,47,030/- has been released to the State Governments towards Market Development Assistance (MDA) as detailed below.

Sl No	State	Amount in Rs.
1	Odisha	2,13,295.00
2	Kerala	50,00,000.00
3	Tamil Nadu	43,12,500.00
4	Board's SR & SDs	1,74,21,235.00
	Total	<u>2,69,47,030.00</u>

- An amount of Rs.23,64,518/- has been disbursed to 16 Coir Units towards **External Market Development Assistance** for conducting various export promotional activities abroad.
- 9 units were newly **registered as Coir Exporters** and Registration-Cum-Membership Certificates were issued to them.

COIR UDYAMI YOJANA

During the month of July, 2017 (upto 20.07.2017), the Board has released a sum of Rs.99,05,950/- towards subsidy for setting up of 120 coir units under Coir Udyami Yojana in the following States:

Sl.No.	State	No. of Units	Subsidy released (in Rs.)
1	Kerala	106	55,86,080.00
2	Karnataka	2	7,99,870.00
3	Maharashtra	4	14,00,000.00
4	Odisha	8	21,20,000.00
	Total	120	99,05,950.00

भवदीय/Yours faithfully,



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