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महोदय /Sir,

**विषय Sub:- Material for inclusion in the report on the significant events of the
Ministry for the period from 25.01.2017 to 23.02.2017 – reg.**

The Important events/discussions/decisions pertaining to Coir Board for the period from 25.01.2017 to 23.02.2017 are furnished below.

S&T ACTIVITIES

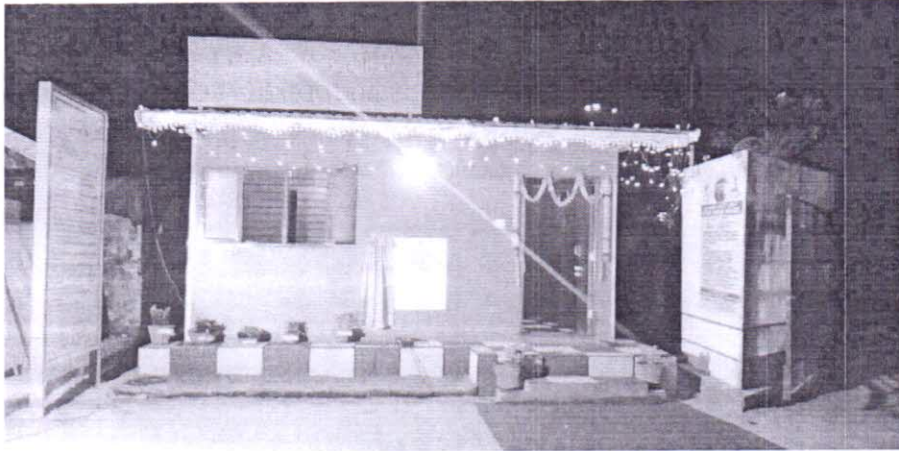
- The innovative R&D Technologies developed by the Board viz. Biochem treatment for quality improvement of coir fibre, composting of coir pith using Pithplus, development of Cocolawn etc..were demonstrated.



- Coir Board participated in the seminar on “**Save Nature-Use Coir & Reverse Global Warming**” conducted at Utkal University, Bhubaneswar on 27th January 2017. Shri. C.P.Radhakrishnan, Ex.MP and Hon’ble Chairman, Coir Board inaugurated the seminar. A paper was presented by the scientists of the Board on “*Comprehensive Organic Biocomposted Coir Pith: A Prospective Candidate for Agri/Horti End Uses*”



- Participated and presented a paper entitled “*Ecofriendly Interventions on Coir for Sustainable Development*” in the Seminar **Samridhi-2017** organized at Govt. Engineering College, Dharmasala, Kannur on 23.1.2017.
- Participated in the interactive session on promoting life sciences sector in Kerala at Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUFOS), Kochi.
- Fine tuning work of single strand double head coreless automatic spinning machine (KRISHNA), fine tuning work of modified version of NANO fibre extraction machine, Design and Fabrication work of fully automatic ANUGRAHA loom for the production of more quantity of geo textile, Design and Fabrication work of pre-processing unit for slivering of coir fibre before spinning into the uniform yarn and Modification work of VAJRA spinning machine are under progress.
- Organized a Workshop on “Development of Coir Machinery” on 14.02.2017 at Codissia Trade Fair Complex, Coimbatore. The objective of the workshop was to assess the research proposals submitted to the Board by the parties who had submitted EoI for development of coir processing machinery for producing good quality coir yarn of uniform thickness & less hairiness. Dignitaries from coir trade and industry, exporters, machinery manufacturers etc. attended .
- An innovative Coir Wood House was erected by the Board at Town Square, Alappuzha for demonstrating the technology developed by the R&D wing of the Board.



- A Seminar on Ecofriendly Coir re-inforced Plastic Products was organised for disseminating the technology developed through the collaborative project conducted by CBPST-CIPET and Coir Board at Kochi on 06.02.2017. Bio-Plastic products developed as a result of this project especially, chair proved that 30% of the plastic can be replaced by using coir fibre thereby reducing the carbon foot prints.

COIR UDYAMI YOJANA

During the period upto 23.02.2017, the Board released an amount of Rs.68,82,000/- towards subsidy for setting up of 23 coir units under the Coir Udyami Yojana as detailed below.

State	Units (Nos.)	Amount (Rs.)
West Bengal	2	6,03,000.00
Andhra Pradesh	15	42,80,000.00
Tamil Nadu	4	15,99,000.00
Odisha	2	4,00,000.00
Total	23	68,82,000.00

COIR VIKAS YOJANA

A total no. of 214 workers were trained in spinning of coir yarn and manufacture of value added products. Besides, 2 Awareness programmes, 1 EDP, 11 Workshops and 1 Seminar were also conducted during the reporting period.

DOMESTIC MARKETING

During this month the Board has participated in the following exhibitions.

Sl. No.	Name of Exhibition	Place	Period
1	Codissia's Build Mat Expo 2017	Codissia Trade Fair Complex, Coimbatore	2-5 February 2017
2	24 th International Guwahati Trade Fair 2017	Maniram Dewas Trade Centre, Guwahati	2-20 February 2017

SFURTI

4th Review Meeting of SFURTI clusters in Tamil Nadu under SFURTI-Phase II

The 4th review meeting of clusters in Tamil Nadu was conducted on 08.02.2017 at Pollachi Chairman, Coir Board presided over the meeting. The progress of implementation of 9 SFURTI clusters in Tamil Nadu was reviewed and it was observed that clusters are progressing in faster pace and the activities will be completed within the timeframe.

Joint Review Meeting of clusters in Gujarat, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh & Maharashtra under SFURTI -Phase II

A joint review meeting was held on 10.02.2017 at Bengaluru, for reviewing the progress of the clusters approved in Gujarat, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh & Maharashtra under SFURTI II phase, under the chairmanship of Shri. B H Anil Kumar IAS, Joint Secretary (ARI), Ministry of MSME, Govt. of India. The representatives of all the clusters of the said states gave assurance that all the hard and soft intervention activities envisaged as per DPR will be completed within the timelines, as approved by the Ministry.

5th Review Meeting of Clusters in Kerala under SFURTI- Phase II

The 5th review meeting of the approved three clusters in Kerala was held on 21.02.2017 at CCRI, Kalavoor, Alleppey under the chairmanship of Secretary, Coir Board. The Director of Coir Development, Coir Directorate, Trivandrum, Kerala adds special attention to the meeting and he reviewed the progress of the clusters being implemented in Kerala under SFURTI –Phase II.

EXPORT MARKETING

Participation in the EC 17

Coir Board is participating in the Annual Conference and Expo of International Erosion Control Association (EC17) being held at Atlanta, Georgia, USA during 21-24 February, 2017. The International Erosion Control Association (IECA) is an international forum for worldwide exchange of information related to issues of erosion control and soil conservation, in fact only one of its kinds. The Annual Conference and Trade Exposition is the premier event in the field of erosion/sediment control where the environmentalists, bio-engineers, decision makers and other stake holders annually meet and interact on the recent innovations and requirements of the erosion control industry. 700 Sq.ft. space has been reserved in the Expo for organizing participation of Indian coir sector. 13 entrepreneurs/exporters from Indian coir geotextile sector are also participating in the event through Coir Board. Shri. C P Radhakrishnan, Ex. M.P. and Chairman, Coir Board and Shri. R R Meena, Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India are leading the delegation comprising of 17 members to USA.

Export Registration

8 firms were newly registered as Coir Exporters and Registration-Cum-Membership Certificates have been issued to them.

भवदीय/Yours faithfully,



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