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Key Events :

- Meeting on promotion on Jute Geotextile



**Shri S.B. Singh, Secretary, National Jute Board greeting
Shri Amit Shukla, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development
and DG-NRIDA in a meeting on promotion on
Jute Geotextile at New Delhi on 06.11.2024**



Report on participation in the 83rd Annual Sessions of the Indian Roads Congress held at Raipur, Chhattisgarh from 7 to 11 November, 2024

The 83rd Annual Sessions and Technical Exhibition of Indian Roads Congress were held at Pandit Dindayal Upadhyay Auditorium & Science College Ground GE Road Raipur, Chhattisgarh. NJB participated in this important event as a part of the activities under the promotion of Jute Geotextiles and Shri Monimoy Das represented NJB in the said event.

Delegates from different states including Chief Engineer, Superintending Engineer, Executive Engineers and other high officials of different state and Central Govt. Organizations & departments along with few foreign delegates participated in the programme and around more than 80 organizations participated in the Exhibition.

On 7th November 2024, the Technical Exhibition was inaugurated by Sh. Arun Sao, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Public Works Dept., Law & Legislative Dept, Urban Administration & Development Dept., Govt. of Chhattisgarh. Further, Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport and Highways of India, Govt. of India, Shri Ajay Tamta, Minister of State in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, and Hon'ble Chief Secretary, Govt. of Chhattisgarh visited the Exhibition venue on subsequent days.

Shri Amit Shukla, Director General, NRIDA visited the stall of NJB and expressed appreciations about efficacy of Jute Geotextiles in different Civil Engineering field. During the technical session of the 83rd IRC, members gave special emphasis on the uses of indigenous, innovative and locally available cost-effective material for construction of roads.

During the four days program significant number of visitors visited the stall of NJB displayed with live samples, tech documents and photo blowups on application of JGT in particular to application in road construction, slope stabilization etc. Technical literatures were distributed among the engineers to create awareness about the uses of JGT. The doubts raised by few numbers of engineers on bio-degradability of JGT were addressed satisfactorily.



Interactive Meeting with Block Supervisors & Master Trainers associated with the field level operations of Jute-ICARE Scheme under National Jute Board

National Jute Board (NJB) successfully organised a day long interactive meeting with the Block Supervisors (BSs) & Master Trainers (MTs) associated with the field level operations of Jute-ICARE Scheme under National Jute Board on Monday, 11 November 2024 in the Auditorium at Patsan Bhawan, New Town, Kolkata. The meeting was conceptualised by the Secretary, National Jute Board to engage with the stakeholders to understand the potential constraints ailing the jute sector as well as discuss pathways to develop and promote jute.

Honourable Jute Commissioner Shri Moloy Chandan Chakraborty, Secretary NJB, Shri Shashi Bhushan Singh, Director ICAR-CRIJAF, Shri Gauranga Kar, Managing Director JCIL, Cmde Ajay Kumar Jolly and Director Finance NJB, Ms. Sarmistha Datta inaugurated the meeting. A total of Seventeen (17) numbers of BSs and Ninety-one (91) numbers of MTs working across different Jute growing states of the country for the benefit of the Jute farmers through Jute I-CARE Scheme along with Guests and officials from different government organisations such as JCIL, ICAR-NINFET, ICAR-CRIJAF, IJIRA, etc who are working for the betterment of Jute Sector of the country attended the meeting on Monday. Secretary NJB, through his motivational inaugural speech had set the goal of the meeting for the day. The BSs and the MTs were engaged in mapping exercise wherein they highlighted the villages in different blocks where Jute is being cultivated presently, the villages where there is decline in volume of Jute cultivation with probable reason for the same and also the potential villages where new farmers can be motivated to get engaged with Jute cultivations by giving the benefits of Jute I-CARE scheme. The mentors and the experts also gave valuable insights and highlighted the benefits of Jute Cultivation during the interactive session with the BSs and MTs. Principal Scientist ICAR-NINFET, Dr. D. P. Ray also gave a presentation for all the percipients of the meeting on development of herbal drink from jute plants leaves. The product has immense potential due to presence of antioxidants which helps to remove impurities from human body. The meeting was a Grand Success as more than 150 participants attended the meeting on 11.11.2024 and shared their views on how to work in a more organised manner for increasing the overall cultivation of good quality Jute fibres in the country and also help in increasing the income of Jute farmers across the country.

A few glimpses of the seminar


