



SOUTH ASIA BAMBOO FOUNDATION



Message for the 16th World Bamboo Day 2025

🌿 On this 16th World Bamboo Day, we celebrate bamboo not only as nature's wonder but as a commodity of immense national importance.

Bamboo sustains millions of farmers, artisans, and entrepreneurs across India—especially in the North Eastern states. It offers solutions for livelihoods, housing, industry, climate action, renewable energy, and plastic substitution.

Recently, our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji launched the National Makhana Board in Bihar with a ₹475 crore plan to boost the makhana sector. Just as makhana has been recognized as a strategic commodity, we now call for the creation of a National Bamboo Board to give bamboo its rightful place in India's economy.

👉 A National Bamboo Board will:

- ❖ Ensure fair prices and market support for farmers and growers,
- ❖ Strengthen artisan clusters and MSMEs,
- ❖ Promote R&D, innovation, and exports,
- ❖ Position India as a global hub for bamboo products.

On this World Bamboo Day, let us unite as farmers, artisans, industry leaders, policy makers, and global ambassadors to say with one voice:

Bamboo is not just grass. Bamboo is our commodity. Bamboo is India's green gold and our future.

🌐 Together, let us make India a global leader in the bamboo economy.
Happy 16th World Bamboo Day!

— Kamesh Salam, Founder, World Bamboo Day, 18th September 2025

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