## **BAMBOO STRUCURES : A PERSPECIVE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION**



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After 10 - 12

weeks

Every ton of steel produces 3 ton of CO<sub>2</sub>

Every Ton of Bamboo consumes 1 ton of CO<sub>2</sub>

Even a 20% Optimistic replacement of Steel with Bamboo in any type of application will lead to

> Decrease in demand of energy intensive Steel

- Provide a source of employment in a self sustainable manner
- Reduce Global Warming

After 2 - 3 years slivers for weavingmats, baskets

After 10 - 12

months

**High Tensile** 

**Ropes** And

Soft Interior

for Bio Fuel

Bamboo is one of the hardiest plant and it can yield 20 times more timber than other trees in the same area.

etc.

While a 60-foot tree cut for market takes about 30-60 years to replace, a 60-foot bamboo takes 50-60 days to replace

Bamboo replaces 30 per cent of its biomass in one year, while a tree forest can only replace 3 to 5 per cent.

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Unlike most tropical hardwood species, which take at least 30 years to mature, bamboo shoots and culms (stems) can be harvested at about three to four years after planting

# **Ecological Performance**

Material	Energy	Stiffness	Strength	Energy/ Stiffness	Energy/ Strength
	(GJ/m <sup>3</sup> )	(Gpa)	(Mpa)	(J/Nm)	(kJ/Nm)
Aluminium (Extrusions)	800	70	300	11.4	2.67
Steel (Grade 43 sections)	500	210	275	2.4	1.82
<b>GRP</b> (UD Glass/Polyester)	250	40	300	6.3	0.83
<b>CFRP</b> (UD carbon/Epoxy)	500	125	900	4.0	0.56
Wood (Finnish Birch)	3.8	16	80	0.24	0.048
Bamboo	3.8	25	120	0.15	0.032



## Bamboo



Diameters Ranging from 20 mm to 300 mm 115 species in India and 1200 species world over

# Why bamboo



# Why bamboo



# Why bamboo



- Traditional methods for Timber Houses of 3-5m span require trees of over **30 years old**
- Most Farmers Need Returns in 4 6 years

#### **THE CHALLENGE:**

How to utilize it for sustainable infrastructure applications..?





# What is a structural main load bearing element (SMLBE) ?



## Why bamboo as SMLBE ?



## Bamboo and Wood with same cross sectional Area

Bamboo & other Wood



Bamboo & Other Wood



## Material properties of *Dendrocalamus strictus* Bamboo

- Allowable compressive stress = 10 MPa (NBC 2005)
- Modulus of Elasticity = 15000 MPa (NBC 2005)
- Tensile stress = 150 MPa

## Dendrocalamus strictus



45 % of Indian Bamboo

#### Material Testing



## Where is the Engineering challenge ?

- 1. Development of a joinery to integrate more than two bamboos together
- 2. Establish reproducibility of technology

## Developed Technology



#### HARITHA IITD BAMCRETE (HIB) TECHNOLOGY

## Dendrocalamus strictus



45 % of Indian Bamboo

## Scientific Evaluation



(a)

45 % of Indian Bamboo

## **Ultimate Load Test**



MAXIMUM LOAD = 2000 kg; Span 4.5 m

**Korde C.,** West R., Gupta A. & Sudhakar P., "Laterally restrained dual bamboo concrete composite arch under uniformly distributed loading", in Special Issue of Sustainable Building Structures, **Journal of Structural Engineering**, ASCE, 2015.

## FAILURE PATTERNS – FRESH ARCHES



## Laterally Restrained Testing



Column Test Equipment Developed for Testing

Bamcrete Column under Laterally Restrained Pure Axial Loading



**Deformation (mm)** 

## Failure Pattern



Failure of Concrete Band at 33 kN Load





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## EARTHQUAKE ANALYSIS

A detail structural analysis is carried out to determine the forces and stiffness of the structure

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### EARTHQUAKE ANALYSIS

Sr.	Load Combination	2 <sup>nd</sup> Storey deformation
140.		(mm)
1.	Dead Load	5.256
2.	Live Load	0.044
3.	EX Torsion Positive	0
4.	EX Torsion Negative	0
5.	EZ Torsion Positive	0
б.	EZ Torsion Negative	0
7.	1.5 (D.L. + L.L.)	7.95
8.	1.2 (D.L. + L.L. + EXTP)	6.36
9.	1.2 (D.L. + L.L. + EXTN)	6.36
10.	1.2 (D.L. + L.L EXTP)	6.36
11.	1.2 (D.L. + L.L EXTN)	6.36
12.	1.2 (D.L. + L.L. + EZTP)	6.36
13.	1.2 (D.L. + L.L. + EZTN)	6.36
14.	1.2 (D.L. + L.L EZTP)	6.36
15.	1.2 (D.L. + L.L EZTN)	6.36
16.	1.5 (D.L. + EXTP)	7.884

17.	1.5 (D.L. + EXTN)	7.884
18.	1.5 (D.L EXTP)	7.884
19.	1.5 (D.L EXTN)	7.884
20.	1.5 (D.L. + EZTP)	7.884
21.	1.5 (D.L. + EZTN)	7.884
22.	1.5 (D.L EZTP)	7.884
23.	1.5 (D.L EZTN)	7.884
24.	0.9 D.L. + 1.5 EXTP	4.73
25.	0.9 D.L. + 1.5 EXTN	4.73
26.	0.9 D.L 1.5 EXTP	4.73
27.	0.9 D.L 1.5 EXTN	4.73
28.	0.9 D.L. + 1.5 EZTP	4.73
29.	0.9 D.L. + 1.5 EZTN	4.73
30.	0.9 D.L 1.5 EZTP	4.73
31.	0.9 D.L 1.5 EZTN	4.73

#### MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE DEFORMATION = 0.004 h = 10.8 mm; hence safe

## COST PROJECTON – R & D MODE

![](_page_31_Figure_1.jpeg)

Fig.8.11Cost estimates for 45 sqm experimental demonstration structure under R & D mode; Total Cost of Structure = Rs. 11.6 lakhs; Total Area of Construction = 45 m<sup>2</sup>; Cost per Sq m. = 26000; Cost per Sqft = 2300

### COST PROJECTON – 27 sq. m

![](_page_32_Figure_1.jpeg)

Fig. 8.12 Cost estimates for 27 sqm structure under replication mode; Total Cost of Structure = Rs. 1.17 lakhs; Total Area of Construction =  $27 \text{ m}^2$ ; Cost per Sq m. = 4276; Cost per Sqft = Rs. 385 per sq. ft. & Estimated time = 10 days with a team of 18 artisans

#### COST – BENEFIT ANALYSIS: 27 sq. m house 1.17 lacks (U.S. \$ 2400)

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Wall Panels with Bamboo in RCC Buildings'

#### Experiments/ constructions at Haritha

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**Bamboo Pent House Studies** 

*R& D in Bamboo: Buildings/Infrastructure* 

## **CHOICE IS OURS**

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#### Technology to Just sustain

#### Sustainable Technology

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## THANK YOU