

■ The centre will train a 95-member team from the African nation Uravu centre to set up bamboo village in Nigeria



The Nigerians with the products they made at Uravu Centre in Wayanad.

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Uravu centre for indigenous science and technology, an organization specialized in imparting training in bamboo industry to local people, in Wayanad district would set up a bamboo village in Ondo West, in the Ondo state of Nigeria, after training a 95-member team, from the state here.

A five-member team, the first batch of the total 95 members from Nigeria is in Uravu, in Wayanad. The

team would get trained in cutting of bamboo, treating, processing, weaving, production of various handicrafts and utility stuff.

The team leader, Afere Alaba Lawrence, told DC that he had hit up on the idea last year when he visited Uravu as part of a training program. "I was very much impressed the way the organization has been functioning and the social commitment with which they approach each mission", he said. "We

want to train the selected group of artisans from our native country and start a bamboo village there imparting training to youth", he adds.

"We have bamboo in plenty and the value addition of the wood is what we are yet to be achieved", he said, adding that the training program would help them in eking out a living on their own and also will help developing an industry over there.

During the month-long training, the participants

will learn how to make an array of bamboo products such as pens, lamp shades, chairs and bed, certificate case, solar lamps shades and emergency light.

"After completing the training program the team would go back and would set up a centre in collaboration with Uravu", said a Uravu trust member. "We have amassed lot of expertise, knowledge and experience during the last 15 years and it is time to cross over the boundaries with it", he added.