

Nongpriang Handicraft Weavers and Marketing Cooperative Society

The Nongpriang Handicraft Weavers and Marketing Cooperative Society came into existence in the year 2006, created by crafts-persons and weavers from Nongpriang. Located at Cherrapunjee, their priority is to make economic progress through handicraft and weaving, a knowledge and practice passed down to them from their ancestors. The village is also endowed with raw materials such as cane and bamboo planted by them almost every year. It is inhabited by about 70 families who mainly practice agriculture and basket making; daily wage labour is an alternative livelihood activity.



Since registering, the co-operative has organized a number of workshops and programmes in Sohra Sub-Division on cane and bamboo related knowledge and activities, involving other grassroot organizations, self-help groups and was supported by different government departments. They make it a point to network with community based organizations in the area, extending mutual support in terms of knowledge, training and information. Their handicraft and woven products include table lamps, bamboo murahs or woven seats, folding tables and chairs, traditional fiber nets, local combs, magazine racks, household decorations, flowers, toys, drums, arrows, woodcraft, souvenirs, fine miniature baskets and others. Their products are hugely popular, going by the demand and size of their customer base.





Capacity building is important to them; members frequently attend training programmes ranging from weaving and handicraft to rural development, rural industries, and bookkeeping. They have gotten themselves regularly audited by a Chartered Accountant for five years in a row. A proposal has been made by members of the co-operative for a retail outlet at Mawir, on the main road from Sohra to Shella. The location has been suggested keeping in mind that it is a tourist spot, it is on the main road and it is at the centre of Cherrapunjee. The co-operative currently engages twelve employees paying daily wage.



Name	:	Nongpriang Handicraft Weavers and Marketing Cooperative Society Ltd., Nongpriang, Sohra								
Year of Formation:	:	2007								
Membership	:	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Male</th> <th>Female</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>14</td> <td>03</td> <td>17</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Male	Female	Total	14	03	17
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Chairman	:	Shri. B. Shabong								
Secretary	:	Shri. W. Khongphai								
Total Share Capital:	:	₹ 8,79,460								
Business Turnover:	:	₹ 75,015								
Working Result:	:	₹ 1,06,700								