

PRESS RELEASE

**Souvenir shop - “*SOUVENIR’S*”
(*An approach towards wood waste management*)**

A Souvenir shop - “SOUVENIR’S” developed in the premises of Govt. Saw Mill, Betapur was inaugurated and put open to General Public/Tourists for sale of artifacts on 29th June 2022 at 1100 Hrs by Shri Satyaprakash Singh IFS, Divisional Forest Officer, Middle Andaman in the presence of Sub Divisional Magistrate, Rangat, PRI Members, Local Officers, staffs and workers of Govt Saw Mill, Betapur.

The Middle Andaman Forest Division on the back drop of adding value to the waste generated during conversion of logs, came up with an idea of creating a souvenir shop under **Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana** with the theme “*An approach towards waste wood management*”. This would provide a conducive environment for the local artisans to showcase their skills and to be self reliant in long run. As per the initiative of GOI towards “**Atma Nirbhar Abhiyan**” the local youths were roped in for manufacturing artifacts. Accordingly, the youths interested in making handicrafts/artifacts were selected and drafted for short time training in collaboration with the industries department to hone their skills. Creating a Souvenir shop in these remote areas is first of its kind in the district of North & Middle Andaman, which adds to the list of tourist facilities created within the district. Moreover in long run the local youths would be benefited/self reliant by showcasing their products for sale in the dedicated space of the said souvenir shop.

Manufacturing of Souvenirs has indeed helped in adding value to the waste wood justifying “**Scrap to Souvenir**”.

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