

BOAT BUILDING SEQUENCE (In brief, through Photos)

This was taken up as a “**challenge project**” to showcase the processes involved in CONCEPT-TO-TECHNOLOGY Development. It was begun on April 1, 2011 at Gayathri Vidya Parishad College of Engineering (Visakhapatnam) ... and completed within the stipulated time of Three months, by June 30 2011.

The subject: *Starting with the idea that Basket Weaver Skills in weaving beautiful baskets could be utilized to convert Woven (split) Bamboo into Hybrid Engineering Composites ... designing, fabricating a dinghy and running the same in the sea for seaworthy test.*



THE FABRICATED BOAT/ DINGHY NEGOTIATING AN INCOMING TIDE



TEMPLATE FOR TE BOAT/ DINGHY



Bamboo-Basket Weavers Weaving Boat Shape



Bamboo-Weaves Continuing



Bamboo-Weaves Completed



Checking the Bamboo-Weaves



APPLYING COATING ON BAMBOO-MAT BOAT WEAVE



GLASS-FIBER EPOXY LAYER APPLICATION ON BAMBOO-WEAVES



GLASS-FIBER POLYMER COMPOSITE APPLICATION CONTINUING



SPECIAL HIGH-STRENGTH PUTTY COMPOSITE APPLICATION



SPECIAL PUTTY APPLICATION CONTINUING



OUTER LAYERS OF GLASS FIBER + PUTTY APPLICATION COMPLETED



THE OUTER LAYERS WORKS COMPLETED DINGHY



INNER LAYERS BEING STRENGTHENED WITH GLASS-FIBER SYSTEM





BOTH INNER AND OUTER LAYERS COMPLETELY STRENGTHENED



RIM OF THE DINGHY BEING CONSTRUCTED FOR EXCELLENT STRENGTH



RIM COMPLETED



HIGH STRENGTH ULTRAVIOLET RAY RESISTANT INSIDE COATING



INSIDE SPECIALTY COATING BEING COMPLETED



THE DINGHY READY FOR BUOYANCY TEST



MOVING THE DINGHY BY CRANE TO THE POND



THE BUOYANCY TEST (PASSED ... EXCELLENT!)



BUOYANCY TEST IN POND



COMPLETED DINGHY READY FOR TRIAL RUN



FISHER-FOLKS LIFTING OUT THE DINGHY FROM TRUCK



MOVING THE DINGHY TOWARDS THE SEA



THE DINGHY ON THE SEA WAVE FRONT



DIESEL ENGINE AND PROPELLER BEING FITTED



FISHERMEN ABOUT TO RUN THE DINGHY OUT INTO SEA



THE DINGHY MOVING INTO THE SEA WITH SEVEN FISHERMEN



BEAUTIFULLY NEGOTIATING AN INCOMING TIDE/ WAVE



SAILING FURTHER OUT INTO THE SEA