

## Monthly Report on Activities of Institute - October 2014

a. On 28<sup>th</sup> October 2014, stakeholders meeting was conducted. (GCR to give brief report)



(i) Training organized:

a., a training program on “Sandalwood cultivation” was organized jointly by VVK-KVK at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, ICAR Research Complex, Old Goa on 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2014. Around 86 participants were present during the program. Mr. Chidanada Prabhu, Coordinator was the program. The chief guest was Dr. N.P. Singh, Director, ICAR, Goa and the other invited guests were Mr. Mishram Gounkar, Coordinator, KVK Centre and Mr. Javed, ACF, Old Goa. Dr. P.V. Somashekar and Dr. K.T. Chandrashekar who were the resource persons from IWST gave the input to the farmers regarding the sandalwood cultivation, their maintenance, benefits and other aspects.



b. On 16<sup>th</sup> of October 2014, a training program on “Sandalwood Cultivation” was organized under KVK-VVK program at K.H. Patil Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Hulkoti, Dharwad. Dr. P.V. Somashekar and Mr. R. Nagaraj were the resource persons wherein sandalwood cultivation, their maintenance, benefits and other aspects were discussed with the farmers.



c. On 28<sup>th</sup> of October 2014, a training program on "sandalwood cultivaiton" was jointly organized by IWST, Bangaluru, College of Horticulture, Sirsi and Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Uttar Kannada, Sirsi at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Uttar Kannada, Sirsi. Dr. P.V. Somashekar and Dr. K.T. Chandrashekar gave the input to the farmers regarding the sandalwood cultivation, their maintenance, benefits and other aspects. This was conducted under VVK-KVK program.



d. A One week training from 20/10/14 to 24/10/14 was organized at the Institute for Range Officer probationers from Bangalore (Research) circles of Karnataka Forest Department. A total of eight probationers attended the training entitled “ Research on Important Tree Species”. Both theoretical and practical inputs were given on topics pertaining to wood properties and field identification of important tree species, recent trends in wood processing and live demonstration of Boucherie process. pest and disease management of important tree species from nursery to plantation stage, AWTC (Advanced Wood Working and Training Centre), Museum, raising of quality seedlings of Sandalwood and Bamboo in nursery and establishment of plantations, phytochemical analysis using instrumentation techniques, wood gasification and bio- diesel from seeds.



**Any other important activity worth reporting:**

- a. 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 2014 was declared as “Swachha Bharath Abhiyan Divas” by the Hon’ble Prime Minister. The day in our Institute started with “Oath Taking” by all the Officers and Staff. It was followed by cleaning of campus of the Institute alongwith forest area. Later the cleaning staff were felicitated.



- b. On the 16th of October 2014, 37 students of M.Sc. (Environment & Management) III Semester from Forest Research Institute (deemed) University, Dehra Dun visited the Institute. They were addressed by the Director, IWST, Bangalore. Later they visited all the labs, AWTC and Wood Museum where they had good experience with the research part of our Institute.



- c. On the 17th of October 2014, 10 students of IV B.Sc. (Agri.) students from college of Agriculture, UAS, GKVK visited the Institute. They were briefed about the Institute by Dr. Pankaj K Aggarwal, Extension Officer. Dr. Shakti Singh Chauhan gave a lecture on the activities of the Institute. Later they visited AWTC and Wood Museum where they had good experience with the research part of our Institute.
- d. A total of 70 students from University of Agricultural Sciences, Hassan visited our Institute on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October 2014. It was initiated by introduction by Dr. Pankaj K Aggarwal, Extension Officer. Later Director, IWST, Bangalore addressed the gathering which was followed by lecture on "Propagation of Sandalwood and Bamboo" by Dr. Syam Vishwanath, Scientist F. Later they visited the Wood Museum and AWTC.



- e. An Memorandum of Understanding between IWST and IIHR on technologies of both the institute was signed at IWST. Dr. V. Ramakantha, Director, IWST and Dr. T. Manjunath Rao, Director, IIHR signed the MoU.



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