

## Monthly Report on Activities of Institutes -December 2014

- A half day session of Indo-Italian Workshop organized by INTAC and Chitralkala Parishat, Bangalore was supported by IWST on 02-12-2014. Dr. S.R.Shukla, Dr. R. Sundararaj, Dr. Shakthi Singh Chauhan Scientists of the institute delivered lectures on different themes. A total of 45 delegates were present. They also visited Wood Museum and AWTC after the session. Dr. Ramakantha, IFS Director of the Institute gave his concluding remarks.



- Resaerch Advisory Group (RAG) 2014 meeting was organized by IWST, Bangalore on 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> December 2014. Dr. M.H. Swaminath , retired Addl PCCF KFD was the chief guest and Dr. Chanakya was the special invitee. A total of 12 new projects were presented before the RAG.
- A three day training program on “Forests, Wildlife and Environment Conservation” was conducted from 3rd to 5th December 2014 at Institute of Wood Science & Technology, Begaluru. A total of 16 participants from Gadag, Bangalore Urban, Kollegal and Coorg (List enclosed) from different departments (Horticulture, Agriculture, Veterinary, sports, etc.) other than forests Sri. C. Venkatasubbaiah, IFS, Additional PCCF (Personal & Recruitment), Karnataka Forest Department, Bangalore was the Chief Guest, Dr. Perumal , Prof. (Emeritus), IISc., Bangalore was the special invitee. Dr. V. Ramakantha, IFS Director was the guest during the programme.
- Dr. Pankaj K. Aggarwal, Extension Officer, IWST welcomed the guest and participants. Dr. V. Ramakantha, Director of IWST in his address emphasized the relevance of training program being imparted to the departments other than forestry sector. Dr. Perumal gave a keynote address on forest, management and water. He stressed the need of scientific management of water resources and conservation of forests. Sri. C. Venkatasubbaiah gave the Chief Guest Address. He highlighted the importance of forest and wildlife and

explained that very survival of human being is dependent on conservation of forests. Vote of thanks was given by Dr. Anil Sethy, Scientist C IWST.

- On 3rd December, 2014, Dr. Shakti Singh Chauhan, Scientist E IWST delivered a talk on “Importance of wood in current climate change scenario” wherein he stressed the need to utilize wood in a rational manner with special reference to climate change. Mr. Dinesh Nayak, Mangalore SEZ Ltd., Mangalore on “Floral diversity of Western Ghats with special reference to medicinal plants” and explained the uses of medicinal plant in day to day life. Prof. M.K. Ramesh, Professor, National Law School of Indian University, Bangalore on “Important acts and policies for protection and conservation of forests, wildlife and environment in India”. Prof Ramesh emphasized that all the departments to know the acts and to follow them so that wildlife and forests can be conserved. Dr. Indu K Murthy, CES, IISc., Bangalore on “Climate change and its possible impacts”.
- On 4th December 2014, lectures were given by Mr. R. Gokul, IFS, Nagarhole National Park, Mysore on “Human Wildlife Conflict with special reference to elephants”. Mr Gokul gave ample examples of man-animal conflict and provides solutions how to avoid them. Mr. Kunal, Jungle Lodges and Resorts, Bangalore on “Case study on a successful ecotourism model in India”. Mr. Surjith Bhujabal, IRS, Commissioner, Central Excise, Bengaluru on “Wildlife Conservation: Legal Framework”. Dr. A.N.Arun Kumar, Scientist E, IWST, Bangalore on “Is India losing its sandalwood resource?”. Dr Arun gave statistical figures of Sandalwood production and explained in details how to conserve this important species. Mr. Kris Madhusudhan, Mysore on “Waste water management and treatments solutions, lake restoration, inline sewage water treatment.
- On 5th December 2014, the participants were taken to the Wood Museum of IWST where they were briefed about the activities of the Institute. Later they visited the Bannerghatta Nature Camp wherein they were taken to have first hand information on wildlife conservation.





- Mr. Subramaniam, IAS, Joint Secretary, Prime Minister's Office visited the Institute on 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2014.
- A total of 13 students and 3 faculty members from College of Horticulture and Forestry, Pasighat, Arunachala Pradesh visited the Institute on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2014. Dr. Pankaj K. Aggarwal, Extension Officer gave a presentation of the Institute activities. Later they visited the museum, Polymer Composite Workshop, Wood Seasoning Workshop and AWTC.
- A total of 40 SFS probationary officers from CASFOS, Dehra Dun visited the Institute on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2014. A brief introduction was given by Dr. Pankaj K Aggarwal, Extension Officer of the Institute. Dr. Anil Sethy, Scientist D presented the Institute activities. Later Dr. T.S. Rathore, Director In-charge addressed the students and emphasized the importance of forestry research. Their visit was followed by a tour to Museum, AWTC, Wood Preservation Workshop.
- 9 students from Dayalbagh Educational Institute Deemed University, Dayalbagh Road, Dayalbagh, Agra visited our institute on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2014. They were students of Diploma in Electrical Engineering. They visited the Wood Museum, AWTC and Wood Seasoning Workshop.



- A total of 13 trainee students from CGMBT, Bangalore visited the Institute as an educational tour on 29<sup>th</sup> December 2014. Dr. Pankaj Aggarwal, Extension Officer presented the Institute activities with special emphasis on bamboo. The students also visited the museum of the Institute.
- Swachhata Abhiyan was observed on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in our Institute.



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