

Monthly Report on Activities of Institutes –August 2014

- a. One range officer probationer viz. Mr. Hemagiri Angadi from CF office (research), Madikeri, Karnataka of the Karnataka Forest Department attended a one week training programme on “Research on Important Tree Species” from 18/8/14 to 22/8/14. Theoretical and practical inputs were given on 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. Certificate was distributed to the probationer on completion of the training.



- b. One range officer probationer Shri.Raghavendra G. Naik from Sirsi, Kanara Circle underwent one week training at IWST, Bangalore from 25/8/2014 to 28/8/2014 on “Research on Important Tree Species”. Theoretical and practical inputs were given on 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. Certificate was distributed to the probationer on completion of the training.



- c. On the 27th of August 2014, students from Kendriya Vidyalaya, Malleswaram, Bangalore visited the Institute. They were first briefed about the Institute by Ms.Praneetha Paul, Extension Officer. Later they visited all the labs, AWTC and Wood Museum where they had good experience with the research part of our Institute. Their visit concluded with “A walk around the jungle” alongwith interaction with the extension officer.



- d. Around 80 students from Gear Innovative International School had visited our Institute on 12/8/14. They visited Advanced Wood Working Centre and Museum of the Institute.



- e. The 68th Independence Day celebration was carried out with great fervor in the Institute of Wood Science and Technology on 15th August 2014. The program started off with the hoisting of the National Flag followed by the Director's speech. The programme culminated with a cultural get together wherein all the employees and their family members participated.



- f. MSc. Life Science students from Mount Carmel College visited our Institute on 13/8/14. They visited plant tissue culture lab which proved to be very interesting to them. Later they visited Xylerium, Entomology Lab, Wood gasification lab, Biodiesel lab, AWTC and Wood Musuem.



- g. A total of 40 civil engg. students from Ammini College visited our Institute on the 7th of August at 3.00p.m. It was initiated by introduction by Ms. Praneetha Paul, Extension Officer which was followed by visit to WP workshop wherein brochorie process and information pertaining to wood polymer composite were explained. Later they visited AWTC where they were explained about wood cutting etc. by using Italian machines. There after they were explained about wood gasification and biodiesel from seeds by Mr. Ezhumalai, Scientist which was concluded by visit to the museum.

- h. A total of 60 civil engg. students from CMR Institute of Technology, Bangalore visited IWST on 26/8/2014 as a part of their industrial visit programme. They were divided into 2 batches which visited Wood Workshop, AWTC, Wood

Museum and Xylerium wherein they had interaction with the research officers and staff and gained the knowledge of wood preservation, cutting, identification, seasoning etc.



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