

BRIEF REPORT
OF
TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATION AT VIJAYAPURA
ON
PACKAGE OF PRACTICE OF SANDALWOOD CULTIVATION



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The Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Bangalore organized Demonstration programme on Technologies in collaboration with Karnataka State Forest Department at Vijayapura Karnataka on 13th Feb 2020.

Introduction

Extension in research field is a noble dissemination activity facilitating in bridging the gap between recent technology and the farmers. The ultimate goal of this Demonstration programme is to enhance the sustainable net income of the farmer or forest dweller or forest based farming communities, by taking all the enterprises on the farm into consideration; integrating them and treating the whole farm as one unit. Organizing need based training to farmers is essentially done to update their knowledge and skills in modern farming technologies related to technology assessment; refinement. It is for Creating awareness about improved farming technologies among various clienteles through an appropriate extension programmes. On these lines Extension wing of Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Bangalore has been continuously organising such extension programmes in various places in collaboration with Krishi Vigyana Kendra's for the benefit of the farming communities.





The registration of participating farmers and foresters started at 10.30am of 13th Feb 2020. Around 100 farmers attended the programme. A retired Principal of Agriculture University also participated.

The programme started with the welcome address by the DCF (Social Forestry), Smt Sareena, DCF Mr. Ashok Patil addressed the farmers and foresters the training programme jointly organized by IWST and Karnataka Forest Department.

The farmers, foresters were given training on silviculture, seed technology, nursery practice, of sandal wood and the knowledge on state policies for sandalwood growers by Dr. P. V. Somashekar, CTO, IWST. Dr. K. T. Chandrashekar detailed about appropriate Plantation technology, pest management, harvesting and marketing arena. Mr. G. Ravikumar spoke about the value added sandalwood products and beneficial inter crops that could be taken up for farmer's benefit. The value added products of sandalwood were exhibited. The sandalwood plantation protective measures available to the farmers were briefed by Smt. Shalini P Rao, ACTO, IWST.

During the interactive session, the farmers raised many doubts on the beneficial inter crop species, solution to the leaf defoliators, heartwood borer problems in sandalwood. Appropriate solution and suggestions were given by the resource persons.

The programme concluded by the DCF thanking all the participants, the Karnataka Forest Department and the Director IWST, Dr. M. P Singh, IFS, Group Co-ordinator (Research) Dr. V.P. Tewari, Extension officer Dr. Ritesh D Ram Scientist-E and all the resource persons of IWST for conducting the programme for the benefit of farmers and foresters

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