

**Proceedings of Hands on Training on “Wood Science and Technology” for  
2015-17 batch of Range Forest Officers of Tamil Nadu Forest Academy,  
Coimbatore (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> August 2016)**

A hand on training on Wood Science and Technology was organized by Institute of wood Science and Technology for Range Forest Officers of Tamil Nadu Forest Academy from 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> August, 2016. The Programme was inaugurated by Sri. Surendra Kumar, IFS, Director, IWST. Dr. Pankaj Aggarwal, Course Coordinator and Extension Officer welcomed the participants and informed them about the programme in detail. In his chief guest address, the Director mentioned that this training programme is designed based on the requirements of trainees. He also mentioned that RFOs are the back bone and major constituents of any forest department. He advised that all the trainees should seriously attend the whole training programme. Sri. N. Mohan Karnat, IFS, GCR in his address mentioned that such training programmes are important for the Rangers as they have to work in the field. Sri. K.G. Varughese, IFS, APCCF, Kerala in his talk gave brief inputs for the management of forest and working of the field staff in the Kerala state. Mr. Devdas, the course Coordinator from TNFA mentioned that the participants need training on the issues which are high lightened in the programme. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> day of training participants visited Karnataka State Medicinal Plant Board and Bhannerughatta National Park respectively.

Feedback session and the valedictory function was organized on 4/8/2016. Few participants expressed their opinion about the training programme. Some of them have expressed that the topics like Reviving Past Glory of Sandal Wood, Wood Quality, Wood Identification were important and very well delivered. While the other participants opined that more practical sessions could have been included. One participant expressed that during the course of next training programme topics on Wood polymer Composites and Computerized Numerical Controller (CNC) may be included. Mr. Devdas, the course Coordinator from TNFA thanked the Director and expressed that more emphasis should be given to Wood Anatomy and Wood Quality.

Mr. Surendra Kumar, Director, IWST distributed the certificated to the participants. The programme at IWST ended with vote of thanks to the chair and all participants.









