

The Stakeholders meeting for Karnataka

The Stakeholders meeting for Karnataka state was organized on the **17th of September 2013 at IWST Bangalore**. The major objective of the meeting was to discuss new projects being proposed for the next financial year. Twenty four participants from different sectors/organizations like Karnataka Forest Department, FRLHT, Bamboo Society, Wood Based Industries, farmers etc. participated in the meeting. Shri. G.S. Prabhu, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Karnataka Forest Department was the chief guest for the occasion and Prof. H.S. Mukunda, Department of Aerospace Engineering, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore was the guest of honor.

The Director IWST, in his welcome address, highlighted the significant scientific achievements of this institute and also announced the platinum jubilee and silver jubilee celebrations of IWST. Professor Mukunda stressed the need to focus research on converting waste wood and tree borne oils to high grade fuels. Shri. G.S. Prabhu appreciated the achievements of IWST and further added that future research should focus on increasing productivity to ensure increased biomass production.

All the new project proposals were presented by the concerned scientist and discussed. The stakeholders provided valuable suggestions for future research projects and expressed their willingness to collaborate with the Institute.



