

## Report on Convocation Programme

The convocation programme of first batch of one year Diploma Course in Advanced Woodworking was organized on 28.06.2019 in the conference hall. The convocation was graced by Dr. S.C. Gairola, Director General, ICFRE as chief guest. Sri Punati Sridha, IFS PCCF (Head of Forest Force), Karnataka Forest Department was present during the programme. Shir N. Mohan Karnat, IFS Director, IWST along with Dr. B.N. Mohanty, IFS Director IPIRTI, Sh. Surendra Kumar, IFS PCCF (Wild Life) and Chief Wildlife Warden also participate and grace the occasion. The representatives from industries, press and media persons, scientists, students and other staff from IWST attended the programme. Shri Ritesh Kumar, Scientist-E and Head, Woodworking Division, welcomed the dignitaries on the dais and other invited guest. Shri N. Mohan Karnat, (IFS) Director, IWST gave the opening remarks followed by other dignitaries. Director General, ICFRE distributed the Diploma course certificates to the students. The awards (Outstanding student award, Best skill award and Best project award) were also handed over to the deserving students.

During the course of the day, presentations were made on important topics which were relevant for future research and woodworking industries. The outcome of these presentations may help in improving future course of trainings at Advance Woodworking and Training Center. Following presentations are made on woodworking and finishing-

- Mass Timber Materials (MTM) –Construction of eco-friendly buildings with wood as primary material (Mr. Prahallad, BIESSE, India)
- Fine woodworking and artistic cabinetry and joinery - (Mrs. Archana Pai, Industrialist and Trainer)
- Dust collection system in wood working industries (Ms. Sakshi Mishra and Mr. Vignesh; Students Diploma course)

After the presentation Director General, ICFRE and other dignitaries visited AWTC to see the final projects of Diploma students. The project works which were designed and developed by diploma students are appreciated by Director General, ICFRE and other dignitaries. The workshop cum convocation programme got decent coverage in local print media.





