

### **BTSG-ICFRE sponsored training programme on Bamboo**

A 6-day BTSG-ICFRE sponsored training on “**Value-addition-Bamboo Technologies**” being organized from 27 January-1 February, 2020 at IWST, Bangalore. All 25 participating trainees are bamboo artisans and master craftsmen from Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana states. During 2019-20, this is 2<sup>nd</sup> six-day training sponsored by Bamboo Technical Support Group (BTSG), first programme on “Bamboo Nursery and Management” was organized from 20-25 January, 2020 at IWST for the farmers and bamboo growers. The training on “Value-addition-Bamboo Technologies” is targeted to address the needs and skill developments of the bamboo artisans for developing quality products with the intervention of novel processing and design interventions. A series of presentations-cum interactions have been arranged from scientists and field experts on various aspects of traditional and advanced bamboo utilization, harvesting, processing, seasoning, preservative treatments, properties, product designing and developments, surface finishing and practical demonstrations in the workshops including lectures and discussion on marketing of bamboo products and policy issues related with bamboos. Visits of different research institutions, centre of excellence on bamboo utilization, bamboo-based industries such as Common Facility Centre, Advanced Woodworking Training Centre; Indian Plywood Industries Research and Training Institute, Bangalore; National Institute of Design, Bangalore; Centre for Green Building Material & Technology, Bangalore; Bamboo Pecker Lifestyle Crafts, Bangalore etc. have been arranged during this training programme for the benefit of the participants. All the artisans are expected to make use of this opportunity and try to learn as much as possible, interact with the experts and also during field visits to research Institutes and bamboo-based industries.

