

BRIEF REPORT
OF
TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATION
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 Ramnagar Karnataka on 5th Feb 2020.

Introduction

Extension service is a mode, which carries scientific technologies and inventions developed at research institutions to the field, for overall benefit of the end users. This noble dissemination activity facilitates 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. And also to orient them in the frontier areas of technology development. Creating awareness about improved farming technologies among various clientele 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 05th Feb 2020.

Around 200 farmers attended the programme .

The programme started with a welcome address and introduction by the DCF, Ramnagar Division . The dignitaries on the dias were Central Excise Minister Mr. Nagesh, Zilla Parishad member Kolar District , PCCF (Dev) . Dr. Ajay Mishra and APCCF Mrs. Anita S.. Arekal.



The farmers, foresters were given training on silviculture , seed technology , nursery practice of sandal wood and the knowledge on state policies for sandalwood growers. Plantation technology, pest management , harvesting and marketing arena were also explained in detail to the participants. The value added products of sandalwood were exhibited.

In the interactive session, the farmers raised many queries on the beneficial inter crop species, problems encountered by them during planting of sapling from root trainers in the field. 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 famers and foresters .

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