

BRIEF REPORT
OF
TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMME AT KALBURGI
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 Kalburgi, Karnataka on 12th 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. Need based training are organised to farmers to impart knowledge and skills in modern farming technologies; Creating awareness about improved farming technologies among various clienteles through appropriate extension programmes. On these lines Extension wing of Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Bangalore has been continuously organising extension programmes at various places in collaboration with Krishi Vigyana Kendras for the benefit of the farming communities.

The registration of participating farmers and foresters started at 10.30am of 12th Feb 2020. At the outset, the DCF, Kalburgi Division welcomed the CCF, Kalburgi, and all the IWST resource persons to the demonstration programme. The CCF addressed the gathering and asked the farmers as well as foresters to take benefit of the training programme. Over 100 farmers attended the programme. Dr. P. V. Somashekar , CTO, IWST presented the nursery techniques, plantation methods that should be practiced for harvesting best yield of sandalwood with good heartwood . He explained about the incentive given by the state government of Karnataka for growing sandalwood. Also, the current policies on sandalwood harvesting was detailed.



Dr. K.T. Chandrashekar presented on the protection aspect of the sandalwood plantation. He also highlighted about the sandalwood pests and their management techniques.

Mrs. Shalini P Rao spoke about pros and cons of using hazardous insecticides. Also, briefed about eco-friendly pesticides and their advantages.

Mr. G. Ravikumar delivered a lecture on sandalwood value added products with which the farmers could benefit intermittently before the harvest.

The resource persons clarified all the doubts of farmers and foresters.

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 farmers and foresters.

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