

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 Mandya Karnataka from 6th Feb 2020 to 7th Feb 2020. . Farmers from Mysore also attended this programme.

Introduction

As a part of extension activity, with an aim for bridging the gap between technology and the end user such as farmers and foresters, Institute of Wood Science and technology organised a Demonstration programme on sandal wood. The ultimate goal of this Demonstration programme was 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.

The registration of participating farmers and foresters started at 11.00am of 06th Feb 2020.

Around 150 farmers and foresters from Mysore District, Mandya circle attended the programme



APCCF (Social Forestry) Dr. Anita S. Arekal presided the programme.
Mr. Hiralal, APCCF, Mysore; Mr Mohan, CCF graced the dias.

At the outset, DCF Mr. Srinivas welcomed all the dignitaries to the dias. Dr. Anita S. Arekal addressed the gathering and asked the farmers to take benefit of the demonstration programme. She also told them to clarify any doubts on the subject.

Dr. P.V. Somashekar CTO, IWST spoke about simple techniques how to select good sandal seeds for sowing. Farmers were explained as to only seeds from mature sandal trees should be collected for regeneration purpose otherwise even after 12 years of sandal trees they may fail to form heartwood. The ideal season for preparing nursery and plantation were explained.

Dr. K. T. Chandrashekar , CTO, IWST presented about various diseases of sandal saplings and trees and gave knowledge on appropriate control measures.

Smt. Shalini P Rao, ACTO, IWST spoke about importance of using eco-friendly pesticides and probable hazards to human beings and environment when hazardous pesticides are inappropriately used.

Mr. G. Ravikumar, ACTO, IWST delivered a lecture on value added products of sandalwood and explained how farmers could take advantage of sandal seeds. He spoke about sandal wood trees protection modalities that could be adopted by the farmers.

During the interactive session, foresters raised about the harvesting procedures and easy marketing of sandal wood.

Finally, the programme ended by the DCF thanking all the participating farmers, foresters , the Karnataka Forest Department and the Director IWST, Dr. M. P Singh, IFS, Group Co-ordinator (Research) , Dr. V.P. Tewar, Extension officer Dr. Ritesh D Ram Scientist-E and all the resource persons of IWST for conducting the programme .

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