

INSTITUTE OF WOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, BANGALORE

BHARAT KA AMRUT MAHOTSAV – WEEK 70 TO WEEK 75

EXTENT AND SCOPE FOR CULTIVATION OF *MELIA DUBIA* IN SOUTH INDIA

26th JULY 2022

AzadiKa Amrit Mahotsav is an initiative of the Government of India to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of Independence of progressive India and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements. Honourable Prime Minister of India, Sri. Narendra Modi inaugurated ‘AzadiKa Amrit Mahotsav’ celebration by flagging off ‘Dandi March’ from Sabarmati Ashram, Ahmedabad on 12 March 2021, 75 weeks before our 75th anniversary of Independence and will end past a year on 15th August 2023.

As part of this celebration, ICFRE is conducting various programs like technical series, workshops, exhibitions, documentary shows, poster and essay competitions, cycle rallies etc. so far Institute of Wood Science and Technology has a series of programmes.

Now, as part of Week 70 to 75 celebration of Bharat KaAmrut Mahotsav, a webinar on **“Extent and Scope for Cultivation of *Melia dubia* in South India”** was organized on **26th July 2022**. Dr. A.N. Arun Kumar, Head Silviculture and Forest Management Division welcomed the participants. Shri. V.S. Shettepanavar, Group Coordinator (Research) in his opening remarks briefed the participants about the scope of *Melia dubia* cultivation. Dr. M.P. Singh, IFS Director in his inaugural address, highlighted about various aspects of *Melia dubia*.

In the technical session, Mr. Sarath S, Scientist-B, IWST gave a presentation on ‘A brief about *Melia dubia*’. Dr. A.N. Arun Kumar, Scientist-G and Head, SFM Division made a presentation on Growth in *Melia dubia* – a perspective. This was followed by presentation by Dr. RekhaWarrier, Scientist-F on Cultivation status of *Melia dubia* in Tamil Nadu. Dr. John Prasanth in his presentation highlighted about the Disease and pest management in *Melia dubia*. Dr. Anil Kumar Sathy, Scientist-E spoke about the Wood quality and utilization in *Melia dubia*. The last presentation of the day was made by Dr. K.N. Murthy, IFS, PCCF (Retd). Karnataka Forest Department on Trade issues in *Melia dubia*.

After the technical session, a question and answer session was held where the queries raised by the participants were addressed.

Mr. C.M. Shivakumar, IFS., Head, Extension Division proposed vote of thanks.

