

INSTITUTE OF WOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, BANGALORE

BHARAT KA AMRUT MAHOTSAV – WEEK 57 TO WEEK 69

“WORLD EARTH DAY”

22nd April 2022

Azadi Ka 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 ‘Azadi Ka 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 57 to 69 celebration of Bharat Ka Amrut Mahotsav, World Earth Day was celebrated on 22nd April 2022. On this occasion, Sandalwood plantation programme was organized in which more than 40 scientists and IFS Officers attending One Week Compulsory Training at IWST participated. As part of the celebrations a guest lecture by Dr. V.K. Bahuguna, IFS (Retd.), Ex. Director General, ICFRE was organized on **“Relevance of Earth Day: Wood is irreplaceable”**. In his address, he highlighted about the importance of wood for the survival of man and entire biosphere. He reiterated that wood is most eco friendly material and its use need to be promoted for effective climate change mitigation. He opined that to meet the growing demand for wood, we need to boost the production of wood through agroforestry systems and government should bring appropriate policy changes to promote agroforestry in the country. He also urged the scientists and officers to work hard for the production and promotion of wood in the country. All the Head of Divisions, Scientists and IFS Officers attending One Week Compulsory Training Programme participated in the programme physically. The technical and administrative staff of the employees participated in the celebrations virtually.

Mr. Shiva Kumar C.M., IFS, Head- Extension Division, IWST proposed vote of thanks.



