

Newsletter for the Month of August 2020

Institute of Wood Science & Technology, Bengaluru

1. Significant Research Findings: Nil

2. Publications:

- **Popular article** - M. P. Singh, Shakti Singh Chauhan and Ritesh D. Ram. Wood based Multi-story building- Wood is Good, Vol. 1, Issue 1, April-June 2020.
- **Popular article** - Dr. R. Sundararaj, Pruning is not necessary in Sandal wood; *Santalum album* grown for its timber”. Kannada translation by Nalini, U.R., Published in Negila Miditha: ISSN 2455-2720. Pg.15-29. (University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shimoga.)

3. Consultancies:

- Project proposal on ‘Deciphering the role of reactive oxygen species in wood production in poplar plants’ received from CSIR-HRDG was evaluated and submitted by Smt. Tresa Hamalton, Scientist-C
- Comments on the Draft Amendments 2020 for the BDA 2002, BDR 2004 and ABS Regulations 2014 were prepared and submitted to ICFRE for discussion with NAAS by Smt. Tresa Hamalton, Scientist-C

4. Tree Growers Mela/Kisan Mela/ Trade fairs: Nil

Institute	Participated	Duration	Place

5. Visit abroad: Nil

6. Meetings Organized: Nil

Sl. No	Topic	Duration	No. of participants	Beneficiaries

7. Meeting / Workshops Attended:

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1	Meeting of all ICFRE institute Directors (Online platform)	19 August 2020	10	IWST Director, GCR, HoDs and Officers
2	Technical Meeting on “Technical feasibility of Bamboo and other biomass in cement kilns organized by National Council for Cement and Building Material (online platform)	3 August 2020	1	
3	64 th Research Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting of IPIRTI (Online platform)	18 August 2020	1	

a) Training Programs Organized: Nil

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1	Webinar on “ Sandal Wood: Seed handling nursery and plantation technology”	21 August 2020.	68	Farmers, researchers from ICFRE & other organizations
2	NABL Training on Audit	25 August 2020	10	IWST researchers
3	Webinar on “Development of Cross Laminated Timbers”.	31 August 2020	27	Wood based industries, researchers from ICFRE & other organizations

b) Training Programs Attended: Nil

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1	International Sandalwood Workshop organised by ADIFF, University of Adelaide, Australia and presented on “DNA barcoding for species identification - Insights into <i>S. album</i> discrimination”.	5 Aug 2020	1	
2	Webinar on “Recent developments in Plan Science” - Organized by JSS College for Women,	6 Aug 2020	1	
3	Webinar on “Innovation during and after the pandemic” organized by IIT Madras and International Centre for Clean Water (ICCW)	6 Aug 2020	1	

4	Delivered an invited talk on “Biotechnological tools for Timber Forensics - Towards conservation of threatened timber species” during the programme on ‘Conservation of Bio-resources through Biotechnological Approach’ organised by PSG College of Arts & Science, Coimbatore	8 Aug 2020	1	
5	Delivered key note address on “Growing Indian sandalwood for heartwood: Love tree and grow wood” at meeting convened by Telengana Jana Vedika. (online platform)	09 Aug 2020	1	Published in the E-papers on 10 August 2020. SamasthaTelengana (Warangal Rural Edition) “ChandhanamSagudu-PrabhudhvalaProthsagam”, Sakshi “Sandalwood having medicinal values” Andhrajyothi “Save Environment”
6	Delivered talks in "International Webinar on Nanotechnology: Introduction and Applications in Wood Products Research" organized by RKGIT Ghaziabad (online platform	18 Aug 2020	2	
7	NBA-UNDP Webinar Series ‘Biodiversity and Biological Diversity Act 2002’ on ‘Biological Diversity Act, 2002: Part II (The Biological Diversity Rules, 2004)’.	19 Aug.2020	1	
8	Delivered lecture on “Management possibilities for Protection from Pest and diseases of sandal” during monthly seminar on “Cultivation of Sandal in Farmlands: Problems and Prospects” organized by IFGTB, Coimbatore. (Online platform)	21 Aug 2020	1	Researchers of IFGTB, Coimbatore

8. Rajbhasha News: Nil

9. Visit of Dignitaries:Nil

10. Popularizing forestry through Radio/TV etc.: Nil

11. Awards: Nil

12. Miscellaneous:

- The institute conducted Pre-thesis synopsis seminar for Ph.D. candidates of FRIDU (IWST Centre) through online mode on 26.8.2020, 27.8.2020, 28.8.2020 and 31.8.2020 (Total 9 candidates).
- As an RAC member, Dr. S. S. Chauhan attended Pre-PhD Synopsis Seminar of Mr.SaritNandanYadav, IPIRTI on “Development of Environment friendly composites from bamboo and waste tyre rubber on 21 August 2020. (In Person)
- Dr. S. S. Chauhan attended M.Tech. (Dairy Technology) Viva Voce of Mr.DarshanGowda (NDRI, Bangalore) as an Advisory Committee Member on 26 August 2020. (Online platform)
- Dr. R. Sundararaj, Scientist-G as external examiner conducted viva-voce examination of Mr. Manoj Kumar Azad, Ph.D. Scholar (online mode) on 26 August 2020
- Dr. A. Muthukumar, Scientist-F was invited as a Panel Expert for discussion on “Balancing Bengaluru’s Infrastructure Development and Ecology” organized by Namma Bengaluru Foundation (NBF).
- Test reports of 1 wood sample sent to the concerned department/parties.

13. Staff News:

Joining:

- Dr. A.N. Arun Kumar, Sci – F was transferred from TFRI, Jabalpur and joined at IWST, Bengaluru on 24.08.2020

Retirement:

- Sri. G. Ravi Kumar, ACTO on superannuation on 31-08-2020
- Sri. B. Beerappa, LDC on superannuation on 31-08-2020