

VISIT OF STUDENTS FROM VENKAT INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, RAJAJINAGAR, To IWST WOODS MUSEUM CUM INTERPRETATION CENTRE

Around 1500 students from Venkat International School, Rajajinagar visited the Institute of Wood Science and Technology (IWST) during 18th – 21st June 2012. The students (7th to 12th standards) visited as part of the school's yearly study excursion programme. On the first day, the visiting students and teachers were welcomed and addressed by the Director IWST. The students grabbing the opportunity also interacted with the Director, IWST and asked him question pertaining to environment, forest and wood.

As requested by the school, the students of class 11th and 12th were given special lectures on techniques for extraction of active principle from medicinal plant and sandal oil extraction. Lectures on wood properties and uses were also organized. These lectures were tailor made for the students as per there present syllabus and delivered by the scientist working in this field. After lectures on the above topics, the students were grouped into suitable number of batches (7 batches of 50 students each) for easy and fruitful visit. The students were taken to places such as Museum, Advance Wood Working and Training Center (AWTC), Nursery, Xylerium and Chemistry lab (demo of distillation and extraction techniques).

The museum was the center of attraction for students as well as teachers, as it offered useful information, knowledge and also fun for all. The tissue culture plants grown in the institute nursery and the demonstration of fractional distillation unit in the chemistry lab were also appreciated by the students and teachers. In the AWTC the students were practically shown the functioning of high end sophisticated wood working and finishing equipments. The working of equipments was highly liked by students. Apart from the above places the students were also taken to the wood polymer and composite lab and shown making of environmental friendly products by replacing up to 50% plastic with wood and use of nano technology in wood. During the visit the students were be duly accompanied by IWST staff at all the visiting places and the activities were explained by the resource persons.



