

INAUGURAL FUNCTION OF SANDALWOOD TRAINING PROGRAMME

The inaugural function of the five days training programme on “Sandalwood – seed handling, nursery & plantation technology” from 18th to 22nd February 2019 was initiated with a welcome address by Course Director Dr. B.N. Divakara, Scientist – E and Head, GTI Division. This was followed by participants introducing themselves and simultaneously giving their expectations from the training. The training programme was attended by 41 participants from Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Tamil Nadu. Sri N. Mohan Karnat, IFS, Director, IWST delivered the inaugural speech addressing participants and Dr. K.K. Pandey, Scientist – G and Group Co-ordinator Research, IWST addressed the participants. Then the Chief Guest Sri Sanjay Mohan, IFS, PCCF and Managing Director, Karnataka Forest Development Corporation addressed the participants. The inaugural session concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. P.V. Somashekar, ACTO, GTI Division, IWST.

In this training programme participants will be provided with detailed information on cultivation aspects like seed, nursery, plantation management, protection, harvesting and marketing of sandalwood including its legalities. One day field visit is planned to give an opportunity to interact with farmers to understand the pros and cons of sandalwood cultivation on farmland.



