

## **Visit of DDG, National Bamboo Mission and Directors, State Bamboo Mission to IWST, Bangalore**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of November, the Deputy Director General (DDG), National Bamboo Mission, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperation and a team of Ten State Bamboo Mission Directors from various states visited IWST to study about the research activities being undertaken by the Institute on Bamboo. The visit was organized by Mr. Shekar, CCF, Karnataka Forest Department. The delegates were briefed by Dr. Syam Vishwanath, Scientist-F, Dr. Geetha Joshi, Scientist-E, Dr. Ajay Karmakar, Scientist-F, Dr. Ritesh D’Ram, Scientist-C, Dr. Raja Muthukrishna, Scientist-c and Mr. Srinivasa Rao, Head TIG. The delegates were then taken to the ‘Centre for green building materials and technology’ Bangalore where in Ms. Neelam Manjunath, explained about the work carried out on Bamboo based building constructions. The office and residence constructed with Bamboo as the main construction material was shown to the delegates. They were also briefed about the training and skill development courses provided to artisans from different parts of the country. Finally they were taken to the Advanced Wood Working and Training Centre at IWST.

