## Three Day Sensitization Course on Forest, Wildlife and Environment Conservation

A three day sensitization course on Forest, Wildlife and Environment Conservation was carried out at the Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Bangalore from the 4<sup>th</sup> of February to the 6<sup>th</sup> of February, 2014, under the scheme "Training of Personnel of Other Services" of the MoEF, Delhi. A total of 27 "Group B" officers of various departments like Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Sericulture, Agriculture, Veterinary, Central office, Social Welfare and Police attended the training programme. The programme was inaugurated by Shri. Anur Reddy, I.F.S, Managing Director, Jungle Lodges and Resorts, Karnataka and Shri. M.Srinivasa Rao. I.F.S, Chief Conservator Forest, IWST, Bangalore..

The talk and presentation by various speakers covered aspects like law, interface of tribals and forests, climate change and its importance today, role of NGO's in environment conservation, Forest and wild life conservation through Village Forest Committees, Wildlife conservation and ecotourism scenario in India with special reference to Karnataka, Man-Animal Conflict, Importance of utilizing wood, Status of Sandal wood with special reference to Karnataka state, Bio-diversity Conservation etc. The speakers include Dr. V.Ramakantha, Director, IWST, Bangalore, Prof. M.K.Ramesh, from National Law School, Bangalore, Shri.S.R.Hiremath, N.G.O from Dharwad, Shri. S. Shivaprakash I.F.S, APCCF from Karnataka Forest Department, Shri. Vijay Mohan Raj, CCF and Executive Director, Jungle Lodges and Resorts, Karnataka, Shri. V.S.Venkatesha Gowda. G.M (KS&DL), Shri R. Gokul, Field Director, Nagarhole National Park, Shri. Srinivasalu. I.F.S, Karnataka Forest Department, Shri. M.Srinivasa Rao, CCF, IWST, and Dr. Shakti Singh Chauhan, Scientist –E, IWST. The trainees were taken for a field visit to Bannerghata Biological Park and National Park. They were exposed to various aspects of park management, concept of butterfly garden, safari and management of Zoos.





