

## **INSTITUTE OF WOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, BANGALORE**

**BHARAT KA AMRUT MAHOTSAV – WEEK 57 TO WEEK 69**

### **“INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY”**

**22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022**

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is an initiative of the Government of India to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of Independence of progressive India and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements. Honourable Prime Minister of India, Sri. Narendra Modi inaugurated ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’ celebration by flagging off ‘Dandi March’ from Sabarmati Ashram, Ahmedabad on 12 March 2021, 75 weeks before our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Independence and will end past a year on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

As part of this celebration, ICFRE is conducting various programs like technical series, workshops, exhibitions, documentary shows, poster and essay competitions, cycle rallies etc. so far Institute of Wood Science and Technology has a series of programmes.

Now, as part of Week 57 to 69 celebration of Bharat Ka Amrut Mahotsav, International Biological Diversity Day was celebrated on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 in collaboration with Indian Academy of Wood Science (IAWS). On this occasion, Shri. Shivakumar C.M., Head Extension Division welcomed the participants and briefed about the history and importance of Biological Diversity day. Dr. R. Sundararaj, Head, Forest Protection Division delivered a lecture on Insect diversity. In his lecture he highlighted about the importance of insects and his research contributions in the field of forest entomology. Further Dr. S.R. Shukla, Head, Wood Properties and Uses Division delivered a lecture on trees and timber diversity across the globe including India. Dr. K.S. Rao, President, Indian Academy of Wood Science, addressed the participants about the importance of biodiversity for human existence. Dr. S.S. Chauhan, Director, IPIRTI and Dr. R.V. Rao, Scientist (Retd.) from IWST also spoke on this occasion and highlighted about the diversity of wood in the country and work done by ICFRE in this regard.

Dr. M.P. Singh, Director, IWST in his concluding remarks urged the wood scientists to work on lesser known timber species and also encouraged them to work on sustainable use of wood material by considering the diversity of wood available in India.



