

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

**BHARAT KA AMRUT MAHOTSAV – 75<sup>th</sup> YEAR OF INDEPENDENCE  
CELEBRATION**

A report on webinar on  
**Agriwood Standards for Certification of Wood in India  
(26<sup>th</sup> December 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. Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Sri.Narendra Modi inaugurated 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebration by flagging off 'Dandi March' from Sabarmati Ashram, Ahmedabad on 12<sup>th</sup> 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. As part of this celebration of Bharat Ka Amrut Mahotsav, the Institute conducted a webinar on **“Agriwood Standards for Certification of Wood in India”** on 26<sup>th</sup> December 2022. The webinar was attended by representatives of various stakeholders and scientists and staff of IWST. About 45 participants attended the webinar through hybrid mode.

The Programme started with the address by Mr. C.M. Shivakumar, IFS, Head and Extension Division who welcomed the participants. Dr. M.P. Singh, IFS., Director, IWST in his opening remarks gave the background information about agriwood standards developed by IWST and scope for its implementation.

Shri.B.K. Singh, IFS., Additional Director General, MoEF&CC, Chief Guest of the programme in his inaugural speech, highlighted the need for improving the farmers income in the country by promoting agro-forestry in the country. He stressed upon developing Wood Certification System that is simple, easy to understand and cost effective for implementation across the country.

Dr. H.R. Prabuddha, IFS., Dy. Conservator of Forests made a presentation on proposed Agriwood® standard developed by IWST for Certification of wood produced on farmlands. In his presentation, he emphasized on developing protocol for Certificate of Origin (CoO) and Chain of Custody (CoC) of wood.

Shri. Tridibesh Bandyopadhyay, Co-Founder, M/s.Incube Innoventures made a detailed presentation on web application developed by Incube Innoventures to ensure end to end traceability of wood and wood products that can be used to improve agriwood standards developed by IWST.

Dr. C.N. Pandey, Technical Advisor, FIPPI appreciated the efforts made by IWST and Incube Innoventures for developing web application for implementation of agriwood standards and he requested IWST to go for piloting of web application developed by Incube Innoventures in consultation with FIPPI.

Shri. Naval Kedia,President, Federation of All India Timber Merchants, Saw Millers and Allied Industries and Shri. Jikesh Thakkar, Executive Director, AIPM also complimented the efforts made by IWST and expressed their willingness to take it forward in consultation with their respective Associations.

Dr. V.K. Bahuguna, Former Director General, ICFRE also appreciated the efforts of IWST and urged to take it forward for the benefit of farmers and wood based industries in the country.

Shri. C.M. Shivakumar, Head, Extension Division proposed vote of thanks.

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