

**INSTITUTE OF WOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, BENGALURU**  
**AZADI KA AMRUT MAHOTSAV – WEEK 31 TO WEEK 43**  
**TRAINING CUM DEMONSTRATION ON CULTIVATION AND MANAGEMENT**  
**OF BAMBOO**

**Date: 26 November 2021**

**Venue: Field Research Station of IWST, Gottipura, Hoskote**

A training cum demonstration programme on Cultivation and Management of Bamboo was organized by IWST, Bengaluru on 26 November 2021 at IWST- Field Research Station, Gottipura, Hoskote, Bangalore- Rural (Dt) under 'AzadiKaAmritMahotsav' capacity building of farmers on cultivation of bamboo in their fields and effectively adopt agro-forestry systems. About thirty farmers from the nearby villages of Gottipura, Attivatta, Hosakote and Dasarahalli, primarily millets and vegetable growing farmers attended the programme. Training material (brochure) in vernacular language-Kannada were distributed to the participants.

As part of the programme, Dr. V. Durai, Scientist delivered a lecture on over view of bamboo, suitable bamboo species for different agroclimatic zones in Karnataka, uses of bamboos and policy issues and govt schemes on bamboo cultivation . This was followed by an interactive session where various aspects on commonly grown bamboo species were discussed. Various aspects like nature of market, scope for bamboo cultivation, details of local buyers of Hosakote region, subsidies provided by Government, financial support provided MSME and future scope of the bamboo industry were also highlighted to the participants.

Classroom session was followed by demonstration. The farmers were taken to the IWST bambusetum and Bamboo trials where different bamboo species and its growth habits and demonstration of growth traits like solidness, hollowness, thorny nature of culm were shown to farmers. The farmers put forth their own opinions and doubts and showed admiration to the new species that they were able to discover. The farmers expressed that they were interested to cultivate thorniness commercial bamboos like lathi bamboo, bema and agarpathi bamboo and requested for seedlings. Participants were provided with bamboo seedlings of *D.Stockii* and *B.tuldaw* were distributed to the farmers. Programme concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. V. Durai.

