

## **Educational exposure visit of KV students to FRI, Dehradun on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019 under programme "PRAKRITI**

In the compliance of MoU signed between ICFRE and Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, New Delhi to promote awareness about forest and environment among school children for acquiring skills for care and protection towards forests, environment and society two exposure visits of KV students were conducted out on 27 and 28 April 2019 in Forest Research Institute, Dehradun. These students were from 25 divisions of KV schools across the country visited in following two groups:

Ist group of 60 students comprising of students from Kendriya Vidhyalaya Dehradun, Gurugram, Karnal, Thajjar, Chandigarh, Lucknow, Meerut, Gwalior, Jabalpur, Ratlaam, Rewa, Patna, Chopan, Bojhar, Begusarai, Bokaro, Tatanagar, Sambalpur, Picket, Bhilai, Mahasumund, Jaipur, Delhi, Kasargad, Gandhinagar, Ahmadabad, Yelahanka, Karaikudi, Hyderabad, Goa, Udampur, Kharagpur and Silcher visited Forest Research Institute, Dehradun on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Teachers Mr. Sunil Manori, KV ONGC, Dehradun; Mr. BS Tomar, KV 2 Gwalior; Mr. E. Rajesham, KV Karaikudi, Sivagangai (District) Tamilnadu; Mrs. Indu Wadhwa, KV Karnal; Mrs. PS Kavitha, KV DRDO Bangalore and Mr. AK Rakshat, KV IIT Kharagpur, WB escorted students.

Dr. Devendra Kumar, Scientist D, Extension Division, FRI welcomed and gave brief introduction about Forest Research Institute, Dehradun. He also explained about the benefits/contribution of forest for society and environment. Thereafter, students visited Forest Pathology museum, FRI. There Dr. Ranjana Jwantha, Scientist C described about various kind forest diseases and their control measures. KV Students visited Silviculture museum, there Mr. Nikhil Kumar, Technical Officer explained about the various silviculture systems and enlighten the students about various aspects of silviculture.

KV Students also visited Timber Museum, there Technical Officer from Forest Wood Product Division briefed about the wood preservation, drying techniques and explained various queries on other wood related issues.

KV Students then moved to Forest Entomology Museum, there Dr. A. P. Singh, Scientist E, Forest Protection Division briefed about the insect pest of forest trees, beneficial insects like, bees and butterflies and explained about the queries raised by KV students.

KV Students then visited Non Wood Forest Product Museum, there Mr. Nikhil Kumar, Technical Officer, briefed about the produce obtained from the forest other

than timber. He showed various NWFPs collected from forest and explained well about queries raised by students on related issues.

In the concluding session, Dr.A.K.Pandey, head, Extension Division, FRI, Dehradun addressed the students and ask students to join hands for the conservation of biodiversity and environment protection. He emphasized that forest play very important role in maintaining life on the planet and we must maintain it. He replied to the questions/queries raised by students on various forestry related issues. All the students were fully satisfied and happy.

The snacks were provided to all the students. The students showed great interest in visit of various museums of during their visit to FRI, Dehradun. They were confident and showed full enthusiasm for protection of environment and forests.

In second group, 81 KV students from various parts of the country (Dehradun, Delhi, Lucknow, Agra, Varansi, Bhopal, Jabalpur, Gwalior, Hyderabad, Patna, Jaipur, Mumbai, Chandigarh, Chennai, Bhubaneswar, Bangalore, Ernakulam, Silcher, Guwahati, and Tinsukia,) visited Forest Research Institute on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019. The students were escorted by their teachers namely Mr. BS Pandey, KV ONGC, Dehradun; Mr. Atul Sharma, KV Bantalab Jammu; GD Rana, KV 2 Bangalore; Mr. Vineet Kumar Yadav, KV UC Silcher; Mrs. Jaya Sahu, KV Jabalpur; Mr. RY Seloi, KV B Camp; Mr. Shyam DK , KV Payyaunr Ernakulam and Mr. Joginder Pradhan, KV Durg, Raipur from different parts of the country.

Dr. Devendra Kumar, Scientist D, Extension Division, FRI welcomed and gave brief introduction about Forest Research Institute, Dehradun and technologies developed by Scientists in last 100 years. He also explained about the benefits/contribution of forest for society and environment. Thereafter students visited Forest Pathology museum, FRI. There Dr. Manoj Kumar, TO described about various forest diseases and their control measures. Then KV Students visited Silviculture museum, there Mr. Nikhil Kumar, Technical Officer explained about various aspects of silviculture such as silviculture systems and types of forests etc.

KV Students also visited Timber Museum, there Technical Officer from Forest Wood Product Division briefed about the wood preservation, drying techniques and explained various queries on other wood related issues.

KV Students then moved to Forest Entomology Museum, there Dr. Sudhir Singh, Scientist G, Forest Protection Division briefed about the insect pest of forest trees, beneficial insects like, bees, silk worm etc and explained about the queries raised by KV students.

KV Students then visited Non Wood Forest Product Museum, there Mr. Nikhil Kumar, Technical Officer, briefed about the produce obtained from the forest other than timber. He showed various NWFPs collected from forest and explained well about queries raised by students on related issues.

The refreshments were provided to all the KV students and teachers. The all the students were fully satisfied and happy as they showed great interest in visit of various museums of during their visit to FRI, Dehradun. They were confident and showed full enthusiasm for care and protection of environment and forests.



KV Students teachers and faculty all together on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2019



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Dr. A.K. Pandey, Head, Extension Division, FRI interacting with KV students in conference hall





Dr. Ranjana Jwantha, Scientist C and Dr. Manoj Kumar, TO interacting with KV students in Forest Pathology Museum