

PRAKRITI

Awareness Program on Forestry and Wood Science at Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Bangalore

PRAKRITI Program is an agreement through a Memorandum of Understanding signed between The Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehradun and Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS), Navodaya Vidyalaya (NVS) and Directorate of Education to promote awareness about forests and environment among school children for acquiring skills that reflect care and protection towards forests, environment and society.

During the month of Aug 2019, a total of 176 students and 9 faculty members of different age groups and learning levels from schools and colleges visited the institute under Prakriti Program.

In very simple terminology, the students were briefed about the activities of the institute and the work carried out in different divisions. A documentary on the same was also screened for the benefit of the students. They were explained about ill effects of deforestation and the importance of environmental conservation. The children were administered an oath to grow trees, avoid plastic and save the environment. They then visited the plant nursery, shade net house and greenhouse. The students were explained all about WOOD at the state of the art Wood Museum cum Interpretation Centre.

To top it all, the students were given a glimpse of natural forest through a nature walk in the 25 acres campus which is the right place for forestry learning with 10 acres of natural forest that is well preserved and maintained with a pathway through the forest thus giving children an opportunity to experience, enjoy and understand the beauty of nature and at the same time actually see some of the rare trees, birds, flowers etc. and learn about them.

At the end of the tour the students expressed that they enjoyed the nature walk and the serene location the most. Even the faculty were impressed as they could actually see trees of many different species. Both the students and faculty expressed that the visit was worthy.

The institutions that visited Institute of Wood Science and Technology during the month of August 2019 are as follows.

Sl. No	Date of Visit	Name of Institution	Discipline	No of Students	No of Faculty
Kendriya Vidyalaya					
1	28/08/2019	Kendriya Vidyalaya, Hebbal, Bangalore	Grade X	58	2
Navodaya Vidyalaya					
Nil					
Others					
1	07/08/2019	Gopalan School of Architecture	B.Arch (7 th Semester)	24	2
2	13/08/2019	Mount Carmel College, Bangalore	MSc (Life Science)	25	2
3	29/08/2019	Soundarya Central School, Bangalore	Grade VIII	69	3

Under Prakriti Program 58 students of class X from Kendriya Vidyalaya, Hebbal Campus, Bangalore visited the institute on 28th Aug 2019.



Under Prakriti Program 24B.Arch (7th Semester) students from Gopalan School of Architecture, Bangalore visited the institute on 7th Aug 2019.



Under Prakriti Program 25MSc (Life Science) students from Mount Carmel College, Bangalore visited the institute on 13th Aug 2019.



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