

Prakriti spreads its fragrance in Visakhapatnam

In compliance of MoU signed between ICFRE and Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, to promote awareness about forest and environment, Forest Research Centre for Coastal Ecosystem (FRC-CE), Visakhapatnam initiated “Prakriti: A scientist-student connect initiative” among students of Kendriya Vidyalayas located at Visakhapatnam. On 10th January 2020 Dr S. Chakrabarti, Scientist-G and Head of FRC-CE guided a ‘Research Outreach’ team comprising of Smt T. Anusha, Shri Lakshman Rao and Shri Srinivas to organize an interactive training at Nausenabaugh Kv 1 near Gandhi gram post on Biodiversity and Ecological issues. Mr. Shishir Kumar Dash, principal of KVS arranged the program with utmost enthusiasm along with one of the teacher of the school Mr.Ajay.

Smt T.Anusha, Technician FRC-CE briefed about the “PRAKRITI” program and FRC-CE and its contribution towards environment and society. She also elaborated different aspects of biodiversity, threats and conservation of biodiversity. During her presentation and discussion with students, she talked about mangrove forests, their importance and also regarding sacred groves.

After the presentation a video regarding biodiversity was played twice for students as a part of quiz to identify flora and fauna present in the video and make a note of it. Later a pictorial quiz was conducted which has 25 species of flora and fauna to identify.

After the Quiz Dr.S.Chakrabarti, Scientist-G, FRC-CE delivered a talk on “Spiders Biodiversity and Spider Research” pointing out that spider as bio control agent can kill harmful insect pests of crops. The importance of spider in maintaining ecological balance was also discussed during the presentation. After the presentation, prizes for the quiz conducted in the before session were announced and presented to the winners.

The principal of the school expressed that “so many new concepts were learnt by students today as a part of Prakriti program and we expect many more of such interactions of scientists with students”. The FRC-CE team has also been taken to the herbal garden maintained by Nausenabaugh kv 1 principal with utmost care. A total of 101 students from class 9th along with 5 teachers of the school participated in the program.

After the program, all students were fully satisfied and they were confident and showed full enthusiasm for care and protection of environment and forests.



Smt. T.Anusha discussing about Biodiversity conservation



Dr.S.Chakrabarty describing the diversity of spiders



FRCCE team with quiz winners



A group photo taken with kv students after the session