ICFRE-INSTITUTE OF FOREST BIODIVERSITY, HYDERABAD

Celebration of "Jan Jatiya Gaurav Diwas" on 26.11.2024

The ICFRE-Institute of Forest Biodiversity (ICFRE-IFB) organized a half-day interactive session with KVS Golkonda-I students, Hyderabad, Telangana. In addition, ICFRE-IFB has celebrated "**Jan Jatiya Gaurav Diwas**" with students and IFB staff held at Training cum Extension Building.

On this occasion, the Director, Shri E. Venkat Reddy, warmly welcomed the Chief Guest.

In his welcome address, he highlighted the life and contributions of Birsa Munda and other tribal leaders, emphasizing that remembering such courageous and heroic individuals instils pride and a profound sense of history. Applauding the government's initiative to celebrate Birsa Munda Jayanti as Tribal Pride Day, Shri Reddy underscored Birsa Munda's indomitable courage and leadership, which played a pivotal role in uplifting tribal communities.

As part of the event, Dr. Apka Nageshwar Rao, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, Nizam College, Osmania University, delivered a special talk. In his lecture, Dr. Rao provided an in-depth account of Birsa Munda's life and his significant contributions to India's independence. While discussing the topic of *Ulgulan* (the Revolt), he reflected on the continued need for *Ulgulan* in today's context to safeguard land, forests, and the environment. Dr. Rao emphasized that courage and determination are timeless qualities, and Birsa Munda's unwavering love for his people and country serves as an enduring example of these virtues.

The event concluded with a heartfelt tribute to Birsa Munda, as Shri Venkat Reddy expressed gratitude to the dignitaries, institute staff, and employees for their efforts in making the event a success. He officially declared the program's conclusion, acknowledging the significant contributions of the Extension Division and the Information and Technology Division staff, whose dedicated efforts ensured the event's successful completion.

Glimpses of the Program