



INSTITUTE OF FOREST BIODIVERSITY (IFB), Hyderabad

Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education



To promote awareness about forests and the environment among school children for acquiring skills for care and protection of forests, climate, biodiversity, and society. The Institute of Forest Biodiversity (IFB) organized an awareness program for a group of 45 students of class IX accompanied by staff (02 members) of Unicent School, Kompally, Hyderabad on 26th September 2022 at Extension cum Training Centre, IFB, Hyderabad.

Speaking on occasion, Dr Deepa M, Scientist – D, IFB, Hyderabad gave the welcome address, and she briefed about the program, IFB, and on different aspects of biodiversity, threats, and conservation of biodiversity. During her interaction with students, she enlightened about various forest and environmental issues, climate change, etc.

After the session, Shri N Yuvaraj Praveen, Technical Assistant, presented IFB's ongoing research activities, achievements, programs, Extension activities etc.

Later Dr. Ruby Patel, Scientist – B, gave presentation on basic soil management, in which the topics like, soil formation, types of soil and distribution, how to reclaim the acidic and alkaline soils etc. were covered. Following which, Smt. Bharati Patel, Scientist – B, presented on Protection and conservation of wildlife where the topics like mass extinctions, threats to biological diversity, wildlife protection acts, steps for conservations etc. were discussed.

These sessions were followed by a biodiversity walk conducted with the help of Shri N. Yuvaraj Praveen, TA and Shri M. Sagar, Technician at the IFB campus. The biodiversity walk aims to aid the students to identify of local flora and understand its importance in the environment and generate awareness about biodiversity conservation. This was followed by Nursery and Laboratory visits.

During the program, the teachers and students had an open discussion on browsing for information about the environment related queries with the scientists and students were fully enthusiastic and confident to protect the environment and forests.

The overall programme was coordinated by Shri. Varun Singh, Technician and Shri. E. Manikanta Reddy, Technician, Extension Division.

Glimpses of the programme





