

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) New Delhi to promote awareness about forest and environment among school children for acquiring skills that reflect care and protection towards forests, environment and society.

The PRAKRITI program at Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Bangalore was inaugurated on the 4th of February 2019 through an awareness program on Forestry and Wood Science organized from 4 - 6 February 2019 for the students from Grade 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11 of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Malleswaram Bangalore

The Chief Guest of the Inaugural Program was Mrs. Usha Kini, Head of Programs, Doordarshan Kendra, Bangalore. Mrs. H. D. Bhanumathy, Principal, Kendriya Vidyalaya Malleswaram was the Guest of Honour for the occasion. Dr. Pankaj Aggarwal, Scientist and Head, Extension Division delivered the welcome address. Mr. N. Mohan Karnat, IFS, Director, IWST and Dr. K. K. Pandey, Scientist and Group Coordinator Research, IWST also addressed the gathering. Ms. P. R. Triveni, ACTO anchored the inaugural program and also delivered the Vote of Thanks. The inaugural program was followed by a very informative, thought provoking and motivating presentation on Forestry, Wood Science and the research activities of the institute by Dr. Shakti Singh Chauhan, Scientist at IWST.



As part of this awareness and education program from 4 – 6 February 2019, organized for the students of both morning and afternoon batches of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Malleswaram, a total of around 850 students visited the institute. About 200 students of Grades 6, 7, 8 and 11 from morning batch visited during the forenoon on each of the three days while around 250 afternoon batch students of Grade 6 to 8 visited in the afternoon of the first day.



The school students enjoyed the 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.



They visited the plant nursery, greenhouse with automatic controls for humidity and temperature and shade net house used for hardening of plants.



The students were explained all about WOOD at the state of the art Wood Museum cum Interpretation Centre which endeavors to disseminate the significance and importance of this wonderful and natural material. It exposes visitors to many facets of wood like history, anatomy, processing, products, problems, solutions and much more.



The faculty who accompanied the students on their visit also expressed that the students not only benefited a lot but at the same enjoyed it.