

Botanical exploration and Bird watching programme for students of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Dehradun on 06th July 2019 under "PRAKRITI" programme

In compliance of MoU signed between ICFRE and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, Noida to promote awareness about forest and environment among school children for acquiring skills for care and protection towards forests, environment and society. Extension Division, Forest Research Institute, Dehradun has organized a Botanical exploration/ Bird watching programme for students of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Sankarpur, Sahaspur, Dehradun on 6th July 2019 under "PRAKRITI" programme. A group of 52 JNV students were taken into nearby forest area of school for botanical exploration, insect and Bird watching programme at 6.30 Am on 06th July 2019.

Dr. Devendra Kumar, Scientist D, Extension, Division, FRI on behalf of Director, FRI welcomed all the students and given brief introduction about the institute and its contribution to the environment and society. Students were divided in two groups for exploration in nearby forest area. One group was lead by Dr. Arvind Kumar, Scientist E, Forest Entomology Division and another was lead by Miss Sobia Beg, Forest Botany Division, FRI. During the visit, students were given brief information about various plant species, insects, and birds available in the forest area. They were also told about the key characters required for the identification of various flora and fauna. All the queries raised by the students during their visit were replied by the subject experts of FRI, Dehradun.

After the visit, all students were fully satisfied and happy as they showed great interest in identification of various insect pests and plant species in the forest. They were confident and showed full enthusiasm for care and protection of environment and forests. During the programme their JNV teachers Mr. Z.H. Siddhiqui, PGT Geology, Mr. Tarendra Singh, PET and Ms. Suvarna Nana Patil, TGT Marathi were also present. The glimpses of JNV students during bird watching are given below:



