



## ICFRE-INSTITUTE OF FOREST BIODIVERSITY, HYDERABAD

### Report on the Visit of BSc- Agriculture students from School of Agricultural Sciences (SOAS), Malla Reddy University, Hyderabad, to ICFRE-Institute of Forest Biodiversity, Hyderabad on June 12, 2024.

ICFRE-Institute of Forest Biodiversity organized a half-day interaction session for BSc-02<sup>nd</sup> year, D-Section, Agriculture students from School of Agricultural Sciences (SOAS), Malla Reddy University, Hyderabad, Telangana as a part of their Forestry Extension curriculum. A total of 52 students have been participated along with two faculty of SOAS, MRU, Hyderabad on 12.06.2024.

**Shri E. Venkat Reddy, IFS, Director of ICFRE-IFB, Hyderabad**, shared his insights on biodiversity conservation, agroforestry, plantation techniques, zero-budget natural farming, wood-based industries, harvesting and marketing techniques, forest department permissions, and more.

**Dr. Suraj, Sc-B at ICFRE-IFB**, delivered a presentation on “Solvents and Their Impacts on the Environment.” He discussed in detail the two types of solvents—organic and green solvents. In his address, he reviewed the environmental impacts of solvents on plants, marine life, the food chain, and humans. He highlighted the toxic nature of solvents like methanol, which contribute to issues such as water pollution. He also emphasized the importance of adopting green solvents as substitutes due to their environmentally friendly nature, which aligns with the sustainable development goals and supports a sustainable future.

The sessions concluded with a biodiversity walk led by the institute's technical staff, aimed at raising awareness about biodiversity conservation and identifying local flora in and around the ICFRE-IFB campus. Participants visited nurseries, field experiment sites, and various laboratories, including the Soil, Entomology, and NTFP Research Laboratories.

The overall program was coordinated by the Extension Division Team at ICFRE-IFB, Hyderabad.





# Glimpses of the Program

