



EXTENSION ACTIVITIES



INSTITUTE OF FOREST BIODIVERSITY (IFB), HYDERABAD

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A Report on Visit of BSc- Forestry students from DR. YSPUHF, to IFB, Hyderabad on 29-12-2022.

The Institute of Forest Biodiversity organized a half-day interaction session with the BSc (Hons) Forestry students of the College of Horticulture & Forestry, Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry, Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh at the Extension building in IFB, Hyderabad on 29.12.2022. A total of 40 students participated as part of the All India Educational Tour.

Shri E. Venkat Reddy, IFS, Director, IFB gave the welcome address and inaugurated the program. He expressed his views and shared knowledge with participants on the Biodiversity Act, Biological diversity rules and regulations, Species diversity, Ramsar convention, Invasive species and control, Cartagena protocols on biosafety, The Nagoya protocol on access and benefit-sharing, Forest right act, the importance of conservation of biological resources, Sustainable use of biological resources, Indigenous knowledge, Plant protect act, NBA, SBB, Importance of BMCs, PBR uses, Forest & Marine biodiversity, Wildlife protection act, Traditional knowledge documentation, In-situ & Ex-situ conservation, etc.

After the interactive session, Dr. S. Pattnaik, Sc-F & GCR, IFB gave a presentation on IFB. He enlightened us about the Institute of Forest Biodiversity, ICFRE and its activities related to Research, Extension, AICRPs and Consultancy Projects, various forest laws and environmental issues, climate change, ecological balance, biodiversity conservation techniques, etc.

After the presentation, Shri. E. Manikanta Reddy, Technician, IFB presented Sandalwood farming in India: Problems & Prospects. He also highlighted the Sandalwood distribution, Sandal-habit & habitat, Sandal uses, production and price trends, Dressing & processing of sandalwood, Sandalwood grades and prices, Sandal based agroforestry species, Pruning, Financial analysis & case studies, Heartwood, Protection, key issues in sandalwood cultivation, etc.

These sessions were followed by a biodiversity walk conducted with the help of Shri N. Yuvaraj Praveen, TA, Shri M. Sagar, Technician, Shri E. Manikanta Reddy, Technician & Shri A. Sasidhar, Technician at the IFB campus. The biodiversity walk aims to generate awareness about biodiversity conservation and the identification of local flora and its importance in and around the IFB campus. The biodiversity walk included Nurseries, Field experiment sites, Soil, Entomology and NTFP Research Laboratories.

The overall program is coordinated by Shri E. Manikanta Reddy, Technician & A. Sasidhar, Technician, Extension Division.



Glimpses of the Program



