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## A report on Prakriti and Van Mahotsav Programme in Matigara Balika Vidyalaya



A student outreach programme of ICFRE ‘Prakriti’ to connect school students with scientists and forest officers along with the Van Mahotsav Programme was organized by Environmental Research Station (ERS) and Van Vigyan Kendra (VVK), Sukna, Darjeeling, West Bengal (a research centre under ICFRE-Institute of Forest Productivity) in collaboration with HDFC Bank, Siliguri on 19th July, 2023 at Matigara Balika Vidyalaya, Matigara, Darjeeling, West Bengal to sensitize the school students about the environment and forests along with Lifestyle for movement (LiFE) campaign. The programme modalities were set by Dr. Yogeshwar Mishra, Director, ICFRE-Institute of Forest Productivity, Ranchi and implemented by Shri Pramod Chand Lakra, IFS, DCF, Officer-in-charge, Environmental Research Station (ERS) and Van Vigyan Kendra (VVK), Sukna, Darjeeling, West Bengal. The programme was coordinated by Headmistress of the school. Lectures were delivered by Sh. Pramod Chand Lakra, IFS and Sh. Anshuman Das, Scientist ‘B’ of ERS, Sukna, West Bengal to stimulate interest in maintaining balanced environment and acquire skills that reflect care and protection towards forest, environment and society. Sh. Pramod Chand Lakra, IFS delivered lecture the research activities undertaken by the institute. He had also deliberated on the career opportunities in Forestry and allied subjects for the students. Sh. Anshuman Das, Scientist ‘B’ delivered lecture on ‘Role of Soil in mitigating Climate Change’. He also interacted with different students by throwing interesting questions. Lecture sessions were followed by distribution of plants for plantation in the school campus among the students and teachers of the school. They have also taken pledge for LiFE

movement. It was actively supported by the staffs of ERS, Sukna, Shri Raju Sharma, Sr. Technician, Vikas Kumar, Forest Guard, Shri Bishnu Lamgaday, Nursery Attendant and Chandan Roy, PA. The programme was attended by 80 students. After the lectures the students also interacted with the scientists. They also discussed and requested for such king of programme in future. A Van Mahotsav programme was also organised in the Matigara Balika Vidyalaya campus after the completion of Prakriti Programme. The students were found to be very enthusiastic and responded well to the exposure given to them. The programme programme ended with a vote of thanks from the school side.



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