



समुद्र जैव संसाधन प्रभाग आंध्र विश्वविद्यालय के एम. एस.सी द्वितीय वर्ष के छात्रों द्वारा भारतीय वानिकी अनुसंधान एवं शिक्षा परिषद् - तटीय पाररनथिनतकी तंत्र केंद्र, विशाखापत्तनम का 19 दिसंबर 2023 को शिक्षा / औद्योगिक परिचयात्मक दौरा

### **A report on visit of AU students to Marine Interpretation Unit, ICFRE – CEC.**

On 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023, a group of 35 students, pursuing MSc. Marine Biology and Fisheries, guided by two PhD. scholars from Marine Living Resources department, Andhra University paid an educational visit to Marine Interpretation Unit (MIU) of ICFRE - CEC, Visakhapatnam. The students spent 2 hours exploring the marine interpretation unit and mangrove nursery.

Shri T. Srinivas, Scientist-B, Head In-charge of ICFRE- CEC gave a brief about various marine invertebrate specimens present in the interpretation unit. Smt. Gayathri Girish, Technical Assistant, gave an insight into some economically important marine invertebrates of coastal states of India. The displayed exhibits illustrating impact of marine borers on various timbers were explained in detail by Smt. T. Anusha, Technician. Following the interpretation unit, the students were led to the laboratory where they received in depth explanation about the herbarium and the herbarium techniques by Smt. T. Anusha. In a final segment, the students were given an overview of mangroves, including different species and techniques involved in mangrove plantation by Smt. T Anusha and Smt. Gayathri Girish.

During the visit, T. Srinivas, Scientist B, Head of ICFRE - CEC provided a comprehensive explanation of relationship existing among marine organisms and their interdependence on each other. He gave insights on significance of understanding various marine borers in the context of broader marine ecosystem. Shri. T. Srinivas also discussed about bio fouling and bio - deterioration, offering valuable insights into environmental dynamics.

The students of MLR department, expressed their heartfelt gratitude to Shri T.Srinivas, Scientist-B, Head In-charge of ICFRE - CEC, for allowing them to know about various new aspects through this visit.

## FEW GLIMPSES OF THE VISIT

