

Extension Division
Forest Research Institute, Dehradun

**Report on the Educational Visit of Students of PM Shri Jawahar Navodaya
Vidyalaya, Muzaffarnagar (U.P.) to Forest Research Institute, Dehradun**

Visiting institution	PM Shri Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV), Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh
No of Participants	160 students and 10 faculty members
Date of visit	27 th October 2026
Coordinated by	Extension Division, FRI, Dehradun

1. Background

A group of 160 students, accompanied by 10 faculty members of PM Shri Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV), Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh, visited the Forest Research Institute (FRI), Dehradun on 27th October 2026 as part of an educational exposure visit. The visit was coordinated by the Extension Division of the Institute with the aim of acquainting the students with forests, forestry research and the work being carried out at FRI.

2. Welcome Address and Orientation

The students and faculty members were welcomed and addressed by **Dr Devendra Kumar**, Scientist-F and In-Charge Head, Extension Division, FRI. He highlighted the importance of forests for environmental conservation and livelihoods, and the role of FRI in forestry research and education.

Thereafter, **Sh Lokinder Sharma**, Scientist-C, Extension Division, delivered a brief introduction to the Institute, covering its history since its establishment in 1906, its mandate, and the research activities of its various divisions.

3. Museum Visits

Following the orientation, the students were divided into two groups for the museum visits. The groups visited the following museums and TDC of the Institute, where the exhibits were explained to them:

S. No.	Museum / Centre	Main exhibits seen
1	Technology Demonstration Centre (TDC)	Technologies and products developed by ICFRE/FRI in forestry, agroforestry and wood utilisation
2	Pathology Museum	Diseases of forest trees, wood-decaying fungi and other aspects of forest health
3	Entomology Museum	Insect pests of forest trees and timber, beneficial insects and insect collections
4	Timber Museum	Wood samples and cross-sections of important Indian timber species and their uses
5	NTFP Museum	Non-timber forest products such as medicinal and aromatic plants, gums, resins, oils, bamboo and canes
6	Silviculture Museum	Forest types of India, silvicultural systems, and nursery and plantation practices

4. Outcome

Through the visit, the students gained first-hand exposure to the diversity of India's forest resources and to the wide range of research carried out at FRI, from tree health and forest insects to timber,

non-timber forest products and silviculture. It helped to build awareness among the young participants about the value of forests and the need for their conservation and sustainable use.

5. Conclusion

The educational tour concluded with an interactive Q&A session where students clarified questions regarding forestry education and career pathways in environmental sciences. The escort faculty from JNV Muzaffarnagar expressed their gratitude to the scientists, and staff of the Extension Division, ICFRE-FRI, for organizing an enriching, educational, and structured program. The program was successfully concluded with active involvement of Extension Division team consisting of Mr. Naveen Chauhan (TA), Mrs. Garima (TA), Sh Amit Singh (Senior Technician), Sh. Pushkar (Technician) and Sh. Manoj (Technician).

Glimpses of the Visit

