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## A report on Prakriti and Van Mahotsav Programme in Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV) Sukna, Darjeeling



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) on 21<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 at Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV), Sukna, Darjeeling, West Bengal to sensitize the school students about the environment, forests and Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE) Movement. 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 Principle of the school along with Smt. Suman Verma, Teacher of KV Sukna. Lectures were delivered by Sh. Pramod Chand Lakra, IFS and Sh. Anshuman Das, Scientist ‘B’ of ERS, Sukna, West Bengal to aware the students of class XI and XII 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 on forest and wildlife along with 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 ‘Carbon sequestration in soil and vegetation’. He also interacted with different students by throwing interesting questions. Few videos of research of ICFRE-IFP, Ranchi was also shown to them to give an exposure about forestry and allied subjects. Lecture sessions were followed by distribution of plants for plantation among the students and teachers of the school. They have also taken the pledge for the LiFE movement. The programme was actively supported by the staffs of ERS, Sukna, Shri Raju Sharma, Sr. Technician, Vikas Kumar, Forest Guard, Sh. Bishnu Lamgaday, Nursery Attendant and Chandan Roy, PA. The programme was attended by 68 students. After the lectures the students also interacted with the scientists. They also discussed and requested for such king of programme in future. The teacher also to supervise some students for projects, if required in future. A Van Mahotsav programme was also organised in the KV Sukna, Darjeeling campus after the completion of Prakriti Programme. The programme got good response from the students and teachers of the school. 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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