





## ICFRE-INSTITUTE OF FOREST BIODIVERSITY, HYDERABAD

## Report on the Visit of 9<sup>th</sup> class students from KVS Golkonda-II School, Hyderabad to ICFRE-Institute of Forest Biodiversity, Hyderabad, on 19.11.2024.

The ICFRE-Institute of Forest Biodiversity (ICFRE-IFB) organized a halfday interactive session with ninth-grade students from KVS Golkonda-II School, Hyderabad, Telangana. The session took place at the Extension Building of ICFRE-IFB, Hyderabad, on 19 November 2024, as part of the Prakriti Program. A total of 131 students participated in the event.

**Dr. P. S. Srikant, Scientist-B at ICFRE-IFB**, delivered a presentation on the institute's activities, shedding light on various facets of its operations and impact. His presentation offered valuable insights into the work of the ICFRE-Institute of Forest Biodiversity, He elaborated on the institute's diverse research initiatives.

**Dr. Pankaj Singh, Scientist-D and Head of Extension at ICFRE-IFB**, delivered a presentation on "Non-Timber Forest Products.". He explained Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFPs) are essential components of both the environment and local economies. These products include a diverse range of items such as medicinal plants, mushrooms, honey, nuts, fruits, resins, and fibers. particularly in rural or forest-dependent communities, while simultaneously supporting biodiversity conservation. The sessions concluded with a biodiversity walk led by the institute's technical staff, aimed at raising awareness about the importance of conserving biodiversity and identifying local plant species around the ICFRE-IFB campus. During the walk, students explored nurseries, field experiment sites, and several laboratories, including those for Soil Science, Entomology, Molecular Biology, and NTFP Research.

The entire program was organized by the Extension Division Team of ICFRE-IFB, Hyderabad.

## **Glimpses of the Program**











