Meeting with Deputy Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) for preparation of calendar activities under "PRAKRITI" programme for year 2019-20

A MoU has been signed between ICFRE and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, NOIDA on 15th October, 2018 vide ICFRE letter No. 07-4/2018ADG(EP)/MoU/NVS/1062, dated 30th October 2018 to promote awareness about forest and environment among school children for acquiring skills for care and protection towards forests, environment and society. In the compliance of above, a meeting was convened on 31 May 2019 at FRI Dehradun with Deputy Commissioner, and Assistant Commissioner, NVS for preparation of calendar of activities under "PRAKRITI" programme for year 2019-20. Shri Arun Singh Rawat, Director, Forest Research Institute, Dehradun chaired the meeting. He briefed the members about the vision, mission and objectives of the flagship initiative PRAKRITI. He also elaborated on the expectations and goals of the programme, which are the integral part of MoU. Dr. A.K. Pandey, Head, Extension Division, Forest Research Institute welcomed all the participants came from Navodaya Vidyalaya. From Navodaya Vidyalaya side Shri. T. Gopala Krishna, Deputy Commissioner, NVS Hq Noida; Shri. Karam Chand, Asst. Commissioner, NVS, RO Chandigarh and Shri Suman Kumar, Principal, JNV, Shimla attended meeting and from FRI side, Dr. N.K. Upreti, Group Coordinator Research, FRI, Dr. Devendra Kumar, Scientist-D, Extension Division, FRI and Shri Rambir Singh, Scientist-D, Extension Division attended the meeting. Dr. Pandey, made a presentation and explained the activities, innovations, experiments and the outreach initiatives of FRI Dehradun. A brief outline of activities have been explained to the members. He said that the Calendar of Activities should be comfortable to both FRI and NVS keeping in view of their own schedule of activities and priorities. After detailed discussion and deliberation, the calendar of activities was finalized for the year 2019-2020. The meeting was closed with vote of thanks to chair and members. The team of Extension Division including Dr. Devendra Kumar, Shri Rambir Singh and Shri Ajay Gulati contributed in successful completion of the programme. After the meeting, participants visited various museums of FRI. The glimpses of meeting convened on 31/May/2019 and museums visit of participants are given below.