In compliance of MoU signed between ICFRE and Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, to promote awareness about forest and environment, Forest Research Centre for Coastal Ecosystem (FRC-CE), Visakhapatnam initiated “Prakriti: A scientist-student connect initiative” among students of Kendriya Vidyalayas located at Visakhapatnam. On 5th December 2019 Dr S. Chakrabarti, Scientist-G and Head of FRC-CE guided a ‘Research Outreach’ team comprising of Smt T. Anusha, Shri Lakshman Rao and Shri Srinivas to organize an interactive training at KVS Waltair on Biodiversity and Ecological issues. Mr. S. Sreenivas Raja, Principal of KVS welcomed the team and arranged the needful for the programme.

Smt T. Anusha, Technician, FRC-CE gave a brief introduction about the “PRAKRITI” program and FRC-CE and its contribution towards environment and society. She also elaborated different aspects of biodiversity, threats and conservation of biodiversity. During her presentation and discussion with students, she briefed about mangrove forests and also pointed out threats to mangrove communities. After the presentation a video regarding biodiversity was played twice for students as a part of quiz to identify flora and fauna present in the video and make a note of it. Later a pictorial quiz was conducted which has 25 species of flora and fauna to identify. After the quiz Dr. S. Chakrabarti, FRC-CE delivered a talk on “Spiders Biodiversity and Spider Research”. Spider morphology, functions, importance of their web, role as a biocontrol agent and spider’s importance in maintaining ecological balance were discussed during the presentation. After the presentation a number of questions asked by the students regarding spiders were answered by him. When the interactive session was over, prizes for the quiz conducted were announced and presented to the winners. Prize distribution was followed by vote of thanks given by one of the teacher in the school. A total of 150 students from class 9th and 2 teachers of the school participated in the program.

After the program, all students were fully satisfied and they were confident and showed full enthusiasm for care and protection of environment and forests. The glimpses of the team-work of FRC-CE research outreach programme are given below.
Photo gallery:

Dr S. Chakrabarty presenting on Spiders

Smt T. Anusha presenting on Biodiversity
Winners of the Quiz conducted by FRCCE

A group photograph with the students of Waltair KV on 5th Dec 2019
Newsclipping of the program from Sakshi newspaper.
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Awareness programme for KV students on biodiversity

Role of spiders in maintaining ecological balance explained

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A research team from the Forest Research Centre for Coastal Ecosystem (FRC-CE) on Thursday visited the Kendriya Vidyalaya in Waltair to create awareness among students about the need to conserve forests and the environment.

The visit comes as part of a ‘PRAKRITI’ programme, following an MoU that was signed between the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) and Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

Sumit Chakrabarti, a senior scientist at FRC-CE, presented his research work on spiders, their biodiversity and the key role that they play in maintaining ecological balance.

T. Anusha, a technician of FRC-CE, gave a brief introduction of ‘PRAKRITI’ and FRC-CE and its contribution towards environment and society, biodiversity and environmental issues in conservation of biodiversity.

A quiz was conducted regarding the identification of flora and fauna and prizes were given to students.

S. Sreenivas Raja, principal of KV, welcomed the FRC-CE research team. A total of 150 students from Class IX and two teachers from the school participated in the programme.