A Report on Visit of Trainee Forest Range Officers from Telangana State Forest Academy (TSFA) to IFB, Hyderabad on 02-09-2021.

The Institute of Forest Biodiversity organized a half-day interaction session with the 7th Batch Trainee Forest Range Officers (FRO) (from 7 states) of TSFA, Hyderabad at the Extension building in IFB, Hyderabad on 02.09.2021. A total of 63 trainees of Tamilnadu, Himachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Madhya Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Chhattisgarh FDC Ltd., and Telangana State.

Dr. Ratnaker Jauhari, IFS, Director, IFB gave the welcome address and inaugurated the program. The main aim of the program is to learn about the various works being carried out in the institute and brief about the tools and techniques implemented in the laboratories. Director, IFB given a presentation on the Institute of Forest Biodiversity and its activities related to Research and Extension.

Later, Shri Arulrajan, IFS, DCF, explained the activities going in research in Working Plan, CAMPA, AICRP Projects.

After the interactive session, followed by the visit to laboratories, nurseries, research plots in the institute.

Later, they visited the Soil laboratory and Smt. R. Asha Kumari, ACTO explained the different types of soils and analysis procedures.
Later, they visited the molecular Biology lab, and Shri Kavi Sidharthan, Scientist-B, and the team interacted with them and explained to them about the activities going on in the laboratory.

Later, they visited the entomology laboratory and lab staff explained about the identification of Indigenous species of Trichogramma.

Later, they visited the NTFP laboratory, Dr. Pankaj Singh, Scientist-C, and lab staff explained the various NTFP's importance, collection, processing, and extraction, etc.

Later, they also visited the Analytical laboratory, and Ms. Ruby Patel, Scientist-B, and the team explained about the CHN analyzer and functioning mechanism and carbon samples analysis procedures, etc.

Later, they also visited nurseries and research plots and Shri Vinod Kumar, Scientist-B, Shri N. Yuvaraj Praveen, Technical Assistant, Shri G. Vinay Goud, Technician, Shri M. Sagar, Technician, and Shri A. Sasidhar Reddy, Technician explained about the various species in nursery and Research plots and activities, etc.

The session concluded with the vote of thanks.

The overall program is coordinated by Shri E. Manikanta Reddy, Technician, Extension Division.