

Training Report on
Raising of Nursery
PRAKRITI - Student Scientist Interaction Programme

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In the current global scenario, maintaining environmental balance is vital for human survival. Pressing challenges such as climate change, biodiversity loss, deforestation, and pollution demonstrate that protecting our planet is no longer a choice, but an absolute necessity. Consequently, it is crucial to introduce students to environmental stewardship at an early age and inspire them to safeguard the natural world.

To foster this connection, under the PRAKRITI - Student Scientist Interaction Programme a Training on "Raising of Nursery in School Premises" was organized by ICFRE-Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore at Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (RKMVER), Coimbatore. The primary goal of the programme was to cultivate an emotional bond between students and nature. By experiencing the liveliness of trees, understanding plant propagation, and actively raising nurseries, students develop a deep sense of responsibility toward planting, nurturing, and conservation.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Dr. V. Indrani, Assistant Professor in Special Education RKMVERI- FDMSE. Following this, Dr. Vigneshwaran (SPO, EIACP, ICFRE-IFGTB) delivered an inspiring lecture on the "Life Mission." His session highlighted the value of defining a clear purpose, setting meaningful goals, and maintaining a positive, responsible approach to both personal and professional life.

Subsequently, Dr. N. Senthil Kumar, Scientist G, Chemistry and Bio Prospecting Division, ICFRE-IFGTB presented an overview of the programme, focusing on seed germination techniques for nursery development. He emphasized the power of sensory engagement, encouraging students to touch, observe, and experience plants firsthand. Illustrating the resilience of nature, he described the journey of a seed as it overcomes underground challenges to grow into a plant, and shared a historical example of seeds being safeguarded during the Second World War for future cultivation. He also took a moment to warmly appreciate the immense patience, dedication, and sacrifices made by the parents of children with special needs.

The programme concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Mrs. Sudha, Technical Officer, Extension Division. Following the lectures, an enthusiastic practical training session was held under the guidance of Smt. S. Sudha, Technical Officer and Shri S. Selvakumar, Technician from the Extension Division, ICFRE-IFGTB. Children with special needs, along with their parents and teachers from the therapy units, participated wholeheartedly, gaining hands-on experience in the nursery-raising process.

Glimpses of the programme



