## Prakriti – A student scientist connectivity program

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 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020 a 'Research Outreach' team comprising of Smt T. Anusha, Shri M. Ganesh and Shri Srinivas to organized an interactive training at INS Kalinga KV near Chepaluppada, Visakhapatnam, on Biodiversity and Ecological issues. Shri M.Govindu, Principal of KVS arranged the program with utmost enthusiasm along with one of the teacher of the school Mr. Lakshman Rao.

Smt T. Anusha, Technician FRC-CE briefed 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 talked about mangrove forests, their importance and also regarding sacred groves.

After the presentation, a pictorial quiz was conducted which has 25 species of flora and fauna to identify.

After the Quiz Shri M. Ganesh, FRC-CE delivered a talk on "Animal- Its role in Biodiversity". The importance of animals and maintaining their ecosystem intact to maintain ecological balance was discussed during the presentation. After the presentation, prizes for the quiz conducted in the before session were announced and presented to the winners.

The teacher of the school Mrs J. Sudha expressed that "Conservation of Prakriti is the most important aspect in our today's life. So many new concepts were learnt by students today as a part of Prakriti program". She also gave vote of thanks to Prakriti team from behalf of their school management. A total of 68 students from class 9<sup>th</sup> along with 3 teachers of the school participated in the program.

After the program, all students promised to conserve nature and they expressed that they will definitely be a part of this Prakriti conservation mission.



Smt T.Anusha presenting about Biodiversity



Mr M.Ganesh presenting on Animal – Role in Biodiversity



Prize distribution to the winners



Vote of thanks given by Mrs J.Sudha, Faculty member in the school