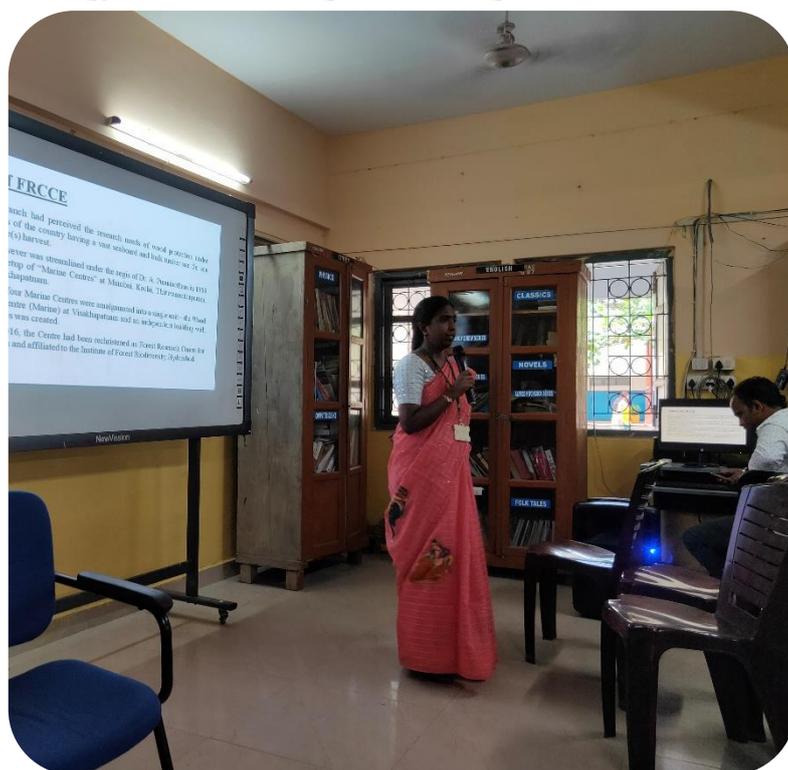


Awareness program for KV students on “Coastal Ecosystem services and Human Well Being”

Under Prakriti initiative of ICFRE, which aims at creating awareness among school children regarding environment, Forest Research Centre for Coastal Ecosystem (FRC-CE) Visakhapatnam, Under Institute of Forest Biodiversity (IFB) Hyderabad organized an awareness program among students of Kendriya Vidyalaya, NAD, Marshalling yard, Visakhapatnam on Coastal Ecosystem Services and Human Well Being on 30th August, 2022. A total of 60 students including teachers were present in the programme. Shri. T. Srinivas, Scientist, FRCCE apprised students about the different coastal ecosystems like the mangroves, coral reefs, seagrass beds, estuaries, lagoons and backwaters etc and their significance in providing various ecosystem services for humans, such as sequestering carbon, cycling nutrients and elements, providing nurseries and fishing grounds for commercial fisheries, preventing coastal erosion and moderating extreme event.



He also apprised students about the impact of climate change on faunal biodiversity of coastal ecosystems. He further added that Mangroves play a vital role in coastal ecology and in sustaining and securing coastal communities.



Smt T. Anusha, a technician of FRCCE, gave a brief introduction of Mangroves and their ecological role along with threats and conservative steps taken by FRCCE. Digital presentation regarding scenic beauties of coastal ecosystems and to the ecosystems due to human interference were clearly picturized to students. A quiz was also conducted regarding the identification of flora and fauna related to coastal ecosystems. Prizes were distributed to the students followed by Quiz. Students showed keen interest and enquired about importance of coastal ecosystems and various conservation methods. Principal Shri. Adishesha Sharma, of school thanked scientists and their team for imparting important information among the student of his school.

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