Prakriti – A scientist - student connect initiative was envisioned to create awareness about environment and forest among the children. The programme is now operational across the country through ICFRE institutes.

The programme is categorized into two groups i.e. junior & senior group of students and various activities are organized and arranged according to the grasping level of students. The activities include visit of students and teachers to ICFRE institutes for sensitization about the general functioning of the institute and exposure to the laboratories, models and other exhibits, plantations and nurseries. Interactive programmes are also being organized to make it more effective through active participation of students.

The lectures that are delivered on various aspects of forestry and environment are devised in simple language including vernacular languages with a view to make it more acceptable.
Two groups of 141 students of Kendriya Vidyalaya from different states visited Forest Research Institute (FRI), Dehradun on 27 and 28 April 2019. Students were also explained about the contribution to the society and environment. The students & teachers visited FRI museums namely Pathology, Silviculture, NWFP, Entomology and Timber Museum.

Exposure visits of KV students coming from various parts of country were conducted out on 24, 25 and 30 May 2019 “Prakriti” programme in FRI, Dehradun. These students were from KV schools (Boys) of Ranchi, Chennai, Lucknow, Kolkata, Gurugram, Mumbai, Jaipur, Agra, and Patna Region. The total no. of students 210 visited.

On the occasion of World Environment Day FRI, Dehradun organized a painting competition with central theme "Air Pollution" has been organized on 25 May 2019 for students of Kendriya Vidyalaya coming from various part of the country. The painting competition was organized in Two groups (Junior VI to VIII class) and Senior (IX to XII class).

Exposure visits of KV Girls students coming from various parts of country were conducted out on 29, 30 and 31 May 2019 “Prakriti” programme in Forest Research Institute, Dehradun. These students were from KV schools of Ranchi, Chennai, Lucknow, Kolkata, Gurugram, Mumbai, Jaipur, Agra, and Patna Region. The total no. of students 118 visited.

FRI, Dehradun conducted a meeting with principal, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Sahaspur, Dehradun under Prakriti activity on 26 June 2019 a group of 29 teachers coming from various KV schools visited FRI, Dehradun on 13 June 2019 under the programme Prakriti.

On 3 May 2019, principal of Kendriya Vidyalaya No.1 (Air Force) Sh. Vivek Yadav visited AFRI. Sh. Yadav discussed about the activities to be conducted as per the MoU signed between ICFRE, Dehradun & KVS, New Delhi with Sh. M.R. Baloch, IFS, Director AFRI, Jodhpur. Sh. Yadav by visiting various laboratories of the institute acquired information about the research activities. Sh. Yadav also visited Extension & Interpretation Centre Sh. Yadav also collected nursery related information about High-Tech & Experimental Nursery by visiting there.
Himalayan Forest Research Institute (HFRI), Shimla organized an awareness programme on “Medicinal Plants” under Student -Scientist connect programme “Prakriti” for 11th & 12th Class science students of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Kothipura, Distt. Bilaspur on 29 April 2019. 50 students along with their teachers actively participated in the programme.

HFRI, Shimla on the occasion of World Environment Day on 5 June 2019 organized an exposure visit on Western Himalayan Temperate Tree Nursery which is being developed by the Institute for approximate 50 students of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Jakhu Hills, Shimla; Kendriya Vidyalaya, Jatog Cantt., Shimla; and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Thiog, Shimla.

IFGTB, Coimbatore conducted an activity on “Beat Air Pollution” at Edu Center for the school students and they also visited Gass Forest Museum. More than 150 students of YWCA Matriculation School, Coimbatore and Chinmaya Vidhyalaya, Coimbatore, participated in the awareness campaign held during June 2019.

IWST, Bengaluru conducted Prakriti programme with 120 students of Class 6,7,8 from Hymanshu Jyothi Kala Peetha School, Bengaluru on 14 June 2019; 60 students of Class 9 and 10 from Government Girls School, Bengaluru on 17 June 2019; 57 students of Class 11 from Presidency School on 18 June 2019 and 61 students of Class 9 and 10 from Government Boys School, Bengaluru.

IFP, Ranchi organized Forestry Awareness Programme on Forest, Forest environment, Biodiversity and Nursery technique from the students of K.V. Patratu, Ramgarh, Jharkhand on 26 June 2019. 300 students and 5 teachers particapted in the programme.

AFRI, Jodhpur intimated that information about Prakriti programme was given during a symposium held on 4 June 2019 on the occasion World Environment Day 2019.

On 13 May 2019, Sh. M.R. Baloch, IFS, Director, AFRI held a meeting in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Mohangarh (Jaisalmer) with the principal of the school Sh. Chaudhary Manorjun Singh and discussed about the Prakriti programme.

On 22 May 2019, Sh. Vivek Yadav, Principal of KV No. 1 (Air Force), Jodhpur; Smt. Durga Chauhan, Principal of KV No. 2 (Air Force), Jodhpur; Sh. Vishnudutt Tailor, Principal of KV, Banad, Jodhpur; Sh. Shaitan Singh Meena, Principal of KV, Pali, Jodhpur; Sh. Mahendra Singh, Principal of KV (Teevi), Jodhpur; Sh. B.L. Saharan, Vice-Principal of KV Army No. 1, Jodhpur; Sh. Suresh Jangid (P.G.T.) of KV Army No. 2, Jodhpur; & Sh. Shyam Sundar (P.G.T.) of KV B.S.F., Jodhpur participated in the International Biodiversity Day organized by the institute.

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