



Report of Educational tour of B.Sc. Forestry Students of Forest College and Research Institute, Mulugu, Hyderabad

B.Sc. Forestry final year students (49 no.'s) of Forest College and Research Institute, Mulugu, Hyderabad along with two faculty members visited Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla on 26th November, 2021. Dr. S. S. Samant, Director of the Institute extended warm welcome to the students and apprised them about the research activities of ICFRE and HFRI. He also explained the plant biodiversity of western Himalayan Region and its importance. Sh. P.S. Negi, Scientist-D, HFRI apprised students about achievements and ongoing research activities of the institute. He also explained the seed and nursery techniques of *Juniperus polycarpus* developed by the institute and informed students that institute has extended technology to forest department of Himachal Pradesh and Union territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. Dr. Joginder Singh, CTO apprised students about distribution, identification of conifers, oaks, rhododendrons and acer species of the western Himalayan region. Visits of students were also organized to different laboratories. Officer In-charge of different laboratories of the divisions viz., Sh. Akhil, Kumar, CTO, FPD, Ms. Shilpa, CTO, E&CC and Sh. Kuldes Kumar, TO, SFM apprised visitors about ongoing research activities in laboratories and working of different scientific instruments like HPLC, spectrophotometer, CHN analyzer, Kel Plus nitrogen analyzer, etc. In GTI Laboratory, Ms. Sonika Sharma, GTI division also explained about the importance of different scientific instruments like Thermal Cycler, Gel Documentation System, Centrifuge, Starch and Agarose Gel Electrophoretic Unit, Laminar Air Flow, etc.



