

Interactive Talk on “Role of Beneficial Insects in Environment” on 13th April, 2022

Venue: Conference Room, FRI, Dehradun

Forest Research Institute, Dehradun has organized one day Interactive Talk on **“Role of Beneficial Insects in Environment” on 13th April, 2022** for popularizing the insects among students of Kendriya Vidyalaya. This is the part of a series of activities in ICFRE to celebrate 75 years of our **“Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav”**. It aims at providing key inputs to the students on the beneficial role of insects in the environment and for the welfare of mankind.

Mrs. Richa Misra, IFS, Head, Extension Division in her opening remarks, emphasized on the conservation of beneficial fauna especially the endangered and threatened species of insects. She encouraged the students to take interest in the insect world and their conservation.

After the opening remarks, Dr. Ranjeet Singh, Organizing secretary welcomed and conveyed his heartfelt gratitude to all the participants. He also outlined the program of Interactive Talk, and importance of the insects as pollinators, Bio-indicators, sericulture, biological control and critical entomological issues need to be addressed.

Dr. Arvind Kumar explained different kind of beneficial insects to the mankind and their role in improving the economy in details like sericulture, apiculture, lac culture and employment opportunity.

Dr. Ranjeet Singh delivered a talk on the role of insects in keeping the environment clean and other beneficial aspects of insect fauna. He said that due the change in climate conditions i.e. rise in temperature, receding of glacier in hills, the pest and disease outbreaks have been observed in almost all tree species causing serious damage. Taking into the present trend of climate change, these epidemics are expected to increase in the near future and we are not prepared for it. About 40 participants including scientists, forest officers, students from Kendriya Vidyalaya, FRI participated in the program.

At the end he conveyed the vote of thanks to all the participants for their active participation.

