

g) Outreach Activity of IISc. PhD Scholars

Research scholars of Indian Institute of Science under the outreach activity - Science for Rural India is conducting and popularizing science to rural school students through lectures, demonstration of science experiments and focused group discussions in semi-urban and rural areas. They have around 25 volunteers (Research Scholars) to take up this activity and has requested KSCST to support this programme in identification of Schools, interaction with Principal of the institutions for the interaction program.

Similar kind of activities were conducted in association with these research scholar's during 2019 and 2021 and the program was well received and have motivated the students.

KSCST had interacted with Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Society (KREIS), Department of Social Welfare, Government of Karnataka during September 2022 to provide list of schools to carry-out the outreach program for the benefit of high school students. In response KREIS identified 20 institutions in rural areas for carrying out the activities proposed by KSCST through Research Scholars from Science for Rural India, IISc.

During the month of January and February 2023, visited three institutions.

7 th January 2023	Kittur Rani Chanamma Residential School located in Kondrahalli, Hosakote taluk, Bengaluru rural district
28 th January 2023	Ekalavya Model Residential School located in Mangala village of Kollegala Taluk, Chamarajnagar district
25 th February 2023	Morarji Desai Residential School located in Sulibele, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural

As per the interaction with the principal of the residential schools, they have opined that this kind of interaction program will help student to gain confidence in learning science and actively participate in the outreach activities.