

VISIT TO ICRISAT

24th Aug 2016

The Biology students of class 11 and 12 were taken to ICRISAT, Patancheru. ICRISAT is an agriculture research center for semi-arid regions. Upon reaching students were shown 2 presentations about ICRISATs work- creating smart foods, watershed crop production, agriculture that benefits farmers and consumers. There are 8 research centers in sub Saharan Africa with the global headquarters in Hyderabad. These techniques are being implemented in more than 5000 villages in India. Kothapally, one of the villages in AP is also one of the places where farmers are profited by ICRISATs work.

Then Mr. Murli M Sharma took the students to visit the farms and briefed them about the various crops grown , biotechnology used and processes involved. The 6 major crops grown are pearl millet, finger millet, groundnut, chickpea, sorghum and pigeonpea. Mr Murli stressed on the need to conserve water. He told us about the 2nd green revolution that is growing 2 crops in a year. He ended by saying we students are the future of India promoting agriculture and water conservation is necessary to sustain life.



