

## **Agricultural Entomologist Engages Young Minds at Atelier International Preschool, Pune**

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ICAR-NRCG is regularly collaborating with its stakeholders as a part of its continuous endeavour of disseminating agriculture education. The institute is also deputing its scientists to interact with the student community in schools, colleges and universities. As a part of this ongoing endeavour, today, in a captivating educational session, Dr. Deependra Singh Yadav, Senior Scientist (Agricultural Entomology) interacted with Atelier International Preschool children.

The interactive session brought together students from Nursery, Junior Kindergarten, and Senior Kindergarten, creating an engaging environment for learning about the fascinating world of insects. Dr. Yadav, with his expertise in the field, introduced the children to a diverse array of insects, including preying mantids, moths, butterflies, caterpillars, beetles, insect pupa, and insect eggs.

The children were visibly enthralled as Dr. Yadav showcased the intricate beauty of these creatures, igniting their curiosity about the small but crucial inhabitants of our ecosystem. The scientist's hands-on approach allowed the students to observe the insects up close, fostering a sense of wonder and appreciation for the natural world.

During the session, Dr. Yadav not only showcased various insect species but also highlighted the importance of insects in pollination, pest control, and their contribution to the overall health of the environment.

The visit served as a unique opportunity for the young learners to connect classroom knowledge with real-world experiences, encouraging a deeper understanding of the intricate web of life.

Dr Kaushik Banerjee, Director ICAR-NRCG ensured consistent efforts of popularising agricultural sciences among young minds to attract more of high quality students to opt for agriculture disciplines in higher studies.



