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## **CSIR-CSMCRI and KAMP: Nurturing the Minds of Tomorrow with their Scientific Excursion for Over 100 Students**

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On January 17th, 2024, a Scientific Excursion at the CSIR-Central Salt and Marine Chemicals Research Institute, Bhavnagar, Gujarat, was conducted by Knowledge and Awareness Mapping Platform with more than 100 students from Delhi World Public School, Rajkot, Gujarat and Narayana E Techno School, Mumbai.

This excursion provided the students with a unique opportunity to delve into the world of science, technology, and innovation. It aimed to instil a passion for scientific exploration and discovery within the students.



Initially, the students were briefed about CSIR-CSMCRI, Bhavnagar, by Dr. Doongar R Chaudhary (Principal Scientist and CSIR-Jigyasa Coordinator CSIR-CSMCRI, Bhavnagar). After that, experienced scientists and researchers from CSIR-CSMCRI inspired the students in their scientific pursuits through an interactive lab visit and various engaging lectures. During this excursion, the students received the opportunity to interact and learn from various scientists from CSIR-CSMCRI, like Dr. Gopal R. Bhadu, Dr. Anshul Yadav, Mr. Rishikesh Chormare, Dr. Bhupendra Kumar Markam.

Within the labs the students learnt several new things, in a practical manner with respect to Carbon Hydrogen Nitrogen Sulphur (CHNS), Ion chromatography, Inductive Coupled Plasma, X-ray fluorescence, Thermogravimetric analysis, Differential Scanning Color Matrix, Particle Size measurement, crude oil extraction and various other things related to the area of Salt and Marine.

Towards the end of the session, Mr. Aniket Arora (Outreach Coordinator, KAMP) expressed his gratitude to Dr. Kannan Srinivasan (Director, CSIR-CSMCRI) and Dr. Doongar R Chaudhary (Principal Scientist and CSIR-Jigyasa Coordinator CSIR-CSMCRI, Bhavnagar). He also mentioned the importance of such events and how KAMP believes that such experiential learning is the key to fostering students' deep interest in and understanding of science & other developments in India. Additionally he informed the students about the upcoming activities like the online Knowledge Sharing Sessions, Scientific Excursions for students as well as Continuous Professional Development for teachers to explore, discover, and engage with various scientific disciplines in a real-world setting at various eminent CSIR laboratories/Research Organisations in India.

### About CSIR-CSMCRI

Council of Scientific and Industrial Research – Central Salt and Marine Chemicals Research Institute, a premier research institute, specializes in marine resource research with key focuses on salt and marine chemicals, membrane-based desalination, catalysis for marine organic chemicals, specialty inorganic materials, renewable energy, and waste-to-wealth processes. The institute also engages in plant molecular biology and biotechnology, emphasizing seaweeds, microalgae, and halophytes. Their research extends to saline waste management, environmental impact assessment, and human resource development through sustainable innovations, contributing to societal and national well-being with a commitment to fostering a circular economy.

### About KAMP

Knowledge and Awareness Mapping Platform is an Initiative and Knowledge Alliance of the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research

(CSIR) - National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (NIScPR) and industrial partner M/S Nysa Communications Pvt. Ltd. (NCPL), it intends to develop creativity, meaningful learning, critical reading, and thinking skills that bring out the inherent abilities of the students.





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