

'Prakriti Exhibition Bus on Biodiversity'

An innovative mobile exhibition bus 'Prakriti' has been started this year. On 2 August 2014, this wonderful educational resource was launched by Hon'ble State Minister, Prof. Abhishek Misra. The bus has been developed as collaborative effort of Uttar Pradesh State Biodiversity Board (UPSBB), Lucknow University and Centre for Environment Education (CEE). Shri V. N. Garg, Principal Secretary, Environment and Forest and also Chairman of UPSBB said that this bus in its first phase is planned to visit in 7-8 districts of the State.



CEE, a national institution who has developed the Science Express- Biodiversity Special train coaches, has joined hands with UPSBB to develop this fascinating exhibition with a focus on key features of biodiversity, ecological context and conservation efforts of Uttar Pradesh. The mobile bus runs on Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), which helps to create awareness and motivation to use CNG, a clean fuel. There are 18 panels and 4 filler panels which open into an interactive exhibition. There are interactive games along with exhibition.

With its launch, Prakriti bus started visiting schools of Lucknow touching urban and rural schools. Easy to understand language of panels are appreciated by principals and teachers. There are three educators

from CEE with the bus who explain various interesting facts and information to students. After visiting exhibition, one could see students noting down facts and information from panels in their notebook. Teachers found it as innovative educational resource to make students learn about natural wealth of the State. The State Symbol panel on the back of the bus is the most popular section. Students get excited to be introduced to Palash, Barasingha, Saras and Sita Ashok as State symbols first time.

