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## “Report on Visit to Shri Shivaji University Kolhapur”

**Date:** January 30, 2019

**Place:** Department of Botany

**Students Participants:** 23 B.Sc.,

**Faculty Participants:** 2 Faculty Members

### **Introduction:**

On January 30, 2019, a group consisting of 23 B.Sc. students accompanied by 2 faculty members visited the Department of Botany at Shri Shivaji University in Kolhapur. The objective of the visit was to provide students with practical exposure to botanical studies and to facilitate interaction with academic experts in the field.

### **Activities:**

#### • **Welcome and Introduction:**

Upon arrival, the group was warmly welcomed by the faculty and staff of the Department of Botany. A brief introduction to the department's facilities and research areas was provided.

#### • **Lecture Sessions:**

The visit commenced with informative lecture sessions delivered by faculty members. Topics covered included plant classification, ecological principles, and recent developments in botany. The lectures were engaging, encouraging active participation and questions from the students.

#### • **Laboratory Demonstrations:**

Following the lectures, students participated in laboratory demonstrations conducted by experienced faculty members. These demonstrations covered various aspects of plant anatomy, physiology, and experimentation techniques. Students had the opportunity to observe and perform experiments, enhancing their practical understanding of botanical concepts.

#### • **Herbarium Tour:**

  
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A guided tour of the department's herbarium was arranged, allowing students to explore a diverse collection of plant specimens. Faculty members provided insights into specimen collection, preservation methods, and the significance of herbaria in botanical research.



• **Interactive Sessions:**

Throughout the visit, interactive sessions were held where students could engage in discussions with faculty members. This provided a platform for students to seek clarification on topics discussed and to explore areas of interest in greater detail.

## **Aims and Objectives of the Excursion Tour Shri Shivaji University Kolhapur**

### **Aims:**

- **First-Hand Experience:** To provide students with a first-hand experience of the diverse plant life found in the region, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation for botanical science.
- **Supplementation of Theoretical Knowledge:** To supplement the theoretical knowledge gained in classrooms with practical exposure to real-world botanical environments, enhancing the overall learning experience.
- **Exploration of Local Flora:** To explore and study the local flora, including indigenous plant species and their ecological significance, contributing to the students' understanding of biodiversity conservation.

### **Objectives:**

- **Field Observation:** To engage students in field observation activities, allowing them to observe and identify various plant species in their natural habitats.
- **Documentation:** To encourage students to document their observations through sketches, photographs, and notes, facilitating a comprehensive understanding of plant morphology and ecology.
- **Interactive Learning:** To facilitate interactive learning experiences, including guided discussions and Q&A sessions, where students can exchange ideas and insights with peers and faculty members.
- **Environmental Awareness:** To raise awareness about the importance of environmental conservation and sustainable practices, emphasizing the role of plants in maintaining ecological balance.
- **Skill Development:** To develop practical skills such as plant identification, specimen collection, and data recording, equipping students with valuable tools for future research and fieldwork.
- **Networking:** To provide opportunities for students to network with experts in the field of botany, fostering professional connections and potential collaborations for research projects or internships.
- **Personal Growth:** To promote personal growth and confidence-building among students by encouraging them to step out of their comfort zones and explore new environments and learning opportunities.

  
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- **Integration of Classroom Learning:** To integrate the knowledge and concepts learned in classrooms with real-world observations, enhancing the students' understanding of botanical principles and phenomena.

Overall, the excursion tour aims to enrich the academic experience of students studying botany by providing them with practical exposure to diverse plant life and ecosystems, thereby nurturing their curiosity, passion, and appreciation for the natural world.

### Conclusion:

The excursion tour organized by the Department of Botany, Nutan Mahavidyalaya, Selu, on January 30, 2019, has successfully achieved its aims and objectives of providing students with a comprehensive learning experience in botanical science. Through field observation, documentation, interactive learning, and skill development activities, students were able to gain valuable insights into the diverse plant life found in the region. The tour not only supplemented their theoretical knowledge gained in classrooms but also fostered a deeper understanding and appreciation for the ecological significance of plants. Furthermore, the excursion facilitated personal growth and confidence-building among students, encouraging them to actively engage in environmental conservation efforts. By integrating classroom learning with real-world observations, the tour enhanced the overall academic experience of students, preparing them for future endeavours in botanical research, education, and environmental advocacy. Overall, the excursion tour served as a catalyst for inspiring curiosity, passion, and stewardship towards the natural world among the students of Nutan Mahavidyalaya, Selu. It is hoped that the experiences gained during the tour will continue to resonate with students, empowering them to become responsible custodians of the environment and advocates for biodiversity conservation in their communities and beyond.

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