Tour Report

Botanical survey trip was conducted for 6th SEM students (batch 2020) on 21/08/2023 by Department of Botany Govt. Degree College, Kulgam. The students were taken to the Gulmarg as per the tour order. Sixty eight 68 students participated in tour and they were accompanied by 08 staff members including faculty and non-teaching. For Transportation College buses of Degree College Kulgam & Kilam were utilized. The students were directed to report college campus at 7:00 am in order to board the bus and head towards the said place earliest. The study site Gulmarg (ferozepora nallah) was chosen keeping in view diversity of plants and mushrooms especially medicinal in that region. At 12:30 am buses reached Gulmarg and students were first briefed by faculty members regarding importance of medicinal plants, collection and preservation of plants for herbarium purposes. Subsequently, students surveyed Gulmarg forests. After rigorous survey of 3 hours, the students were given a lunch break of one hour. Some important medicinal herbs were collected for college botanical garden and herbarium. Snap shots of some beautiful wild MAPS were taken from high altitude forests. Plants surveyed there are; *Podophyllum* *hexandrum*, *Artemisia sp, Cedrus deodara, Abies pindrow, Picea sp.*, *Nepeta* *cataria*, *N*. *laevigata*, *Pinus* *wallichiana*, *Gallium* *aparine* etc. mushroom species surveyed and collected include: *Russula* sp., *Lactarius* Sp., *Inocybe*, *Cortinarious,* *Lepeota, Amanita, Agaricus* sps etc.

At 4:30 PM we returned back from Gulmarg and at 6:00 pm sharp reached pampore. The students visited saffron fields and refreshment saffron kehwa was given to students. At 6:50 pm we left saffron fields and exactly 7:40 pm we reached college campus. The students left to their residences at 7:40 pm and students belonging to far flung areas were dropped in private transport to their respective destinations by faculty members.

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