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Report of the History subject Tour

The Department of History at Government Degree College (GDC), Kulgam organized a subject tour to Nishat Garden and SPS Museum on 14th September, 2023. The primary aim of this tour was to provide students with a practical learning experience and to enhance their understanding of historical and cultural heritage. Around 70 Students from 5th and 6th Semesters were part of the tour and were accompanied by the faculty from the Department of History and other supporting staff.

The buses left the College premises at 8 am and reached Nishat Garden at 10:30 am.

Nishat Garden:

Nishat Garden, also known as the "Garden of Joy," is a beautiful Mughal garden located on the eastern side of the Dal Lake in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir. The garden was built in 1633 AD by Asif Khan, the elder brother of Empress Nur Jahan. It is renowned for its meticulously planned layout, stunning terraced levels, and intricate chinar tree-lined pathways.

During the visit to Nishat Garden, students had the opportunity to explore the rich history and architecture of Mughal gardens. They were able to observe the Persian-style chahar bagh layout, which consists of four quadrants with a central water channel. This design reflects the Mughal love for symmetry and geometrical precision.

Moreover, students learned about the significance of the garden's strategic location by the Dal Lake, its alignment with the Zabarwan Range, and how it reflects the Mughal appreciation for nature's beauty. The tour also highlighted the role of these gardens as places of leisure and relaxation for the Mughal emperors and nobility.

SPS Museum:

The next destination was the SPS Museum, also known as the "Shri Pratap Singh Museum," which is an important cultural institution located in Srinagar. It was established in 1898 and is named after the then Maharaja Pratap Singh. The museum houses a vast collection of artifacts, manuscripts, paintings, and sculptures that provide insights into the history and culture of the region.

During our visit to the SPS Museum, students had the opportunity to explore the diverse exhibits. The museum features an extensive collection of archaeological artifacts, including sculptures, pottery, and tools from different historical periods. The museum's art gallery showcased traditional and contemporary Kashmiri art, including intricate papier-mâché work and woodcarvings.



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One of the highlights of the museum visit was the manuscript section, which displayed ancient manuscripts written in the Persian and Sanskrit languages, showcasing the rich literary heritage of Kashmir. The museum's collection of paintings, some dating back to the Mughal era, provided students with a glimpse into the artistic traditions of the region.

The subject tour to Nishat Garden and SPS Museum proved to be highly educational and enriching for the students and It allowed them to Connect Theory with Practice, Enhance Understanding, Appreciate Art and Culture and ensure Cultural Awareness.

The tour was a resounding success in achieving its educational objectives. It provided students with a unique opportunity to learn and appreciate the history, culture, and art of Kashmir. Such experiential learning opportunities are essential in the field of history and contribute significantly to the holistic development of students.

The Department extends gratitude to the faculty, staff, and authorities who supported and facilitated this educational excursion. We look forward to more such enriching experiences in the future.

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