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EDUCATIONAL TOUR REPORT

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A REPORT ON EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO OOTY

As a part of Curriculum for the Botany Students a study tour was organized to visit Ooty which is a “Queen of Hill Stations” where we can see variety of plants and pleasant weather. The trip was organized for four days from 28.01.2025 to 31.01.2025. About 32 students of III B.Sc. and 12 students from II M.Sc and 3 faculty members and 1 lab assistant visited Ooty. The tour report collected from the students is given below:

To explore various Flora and to collect Herbarium, We visited

- Doddabetta peak
- Rose garden
- Tea and Chocolate factory
- Sim's park
- Tea estate

We gathered in Chennai MGR Central railway station at 7:30 pm to catch the train Nilgiris Express at 9:05 pm for overnight journey. We reached Coimbatore at early morning 4:45 am and transited to a van to reach Ooty. At morning around 8:30 am Check in at TULIP VILLAGE RESORT HILL VIEW and moved to site seeing around 10:30 am after finishing our Breakfast.

First Day

On the first day 29.01.2025 we visited,

1. Doddabetta peak
2. Tea Factory
3. Botanical garden
4. Rose garden where we had a wonderful time exploring the various types of gardens and its components and also we collected some of the flowering plant specimens to keep as Herbarium. The teachers explained the characteristics of many flowering plants and the morphological features of different groups of plants such as Pteridophytes, Gymnosperms and higher Angiospermic plants. This was very informative and useful for the students. In the Tea factory students gained helpful insights on Tea Production and how Tea leaves are being processed in a factory and understood the steps involved in processing tea and how packaging done. Then we returned to overnight stay in Tulip village resort hill view. We had a Campfire around 9:00 pm in the resort.

SECOND DAY

On second day 30.01.2025 we checked out the resort after breakfast and proceeded to Coonoor sight seeing. We visited

1. Sim's park
2. Dolphin's nose
3. Tea garden

At Sim's Park we observed various components of garden such as Topiary, Water garden, Arches, Green house etc. and we purchased some greenhouse plants. On that day evening we departed to Coimbatore to board the Cheran express to Chennai by overnight journey. As a whole we had a very nice experience and enjoyed the beauty of nature and we are thankful to the department staff for the opportunity given to us to visit Ooty.

