Shri Shivaji Education Society Amravati's Science College Congress Nagar, Nagpur Department of Botany Organized Excursion Study Tour <u>Pachmarhi</u> From 30th Aug 2018 to 2nd Sept. 2018 Session 2018-2019

As a part of B.Sc. Curriculum, excursion tour was organized to Pachmarhi by Department of Botany, Science College Nagpur in session 2018-2019 for B.Sc second year botany students to study flora in their natural habitat with special emphasis on biodiversity. Total 4 teaching staff and 90 students were visited to Pachmarhi. The major objective was to familiarize the students with the wild, bryophytes as well as pteridophytic plant and aquatic flora of the region.

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CLIMATE

Vegetation regions can be divided into five major types: forest, grassland, tundra, desert, and ice sheet. The dominant vegetation in this region consists mostly of moist deciduous forests along with the bamboo thickets as well as the *Tectona grandis* (Teak) and *Shorea robusta* (Sal) are the most common and unique flora species found in the forests, with the latter found nowhere else in India. Tropical moist deciduous forests, tropical dry deciduous and central Indian sub-tropical hill forests are the major ecosystem types within Pachmarhi. The most common tree in the dry deciduous forests of this area is the Sal.

FLORA AND FAUNA

Important species include *Psilotum triquetra* (whisk fern) and *Ophioglossum nudicaule* (Adder's-tongue ferns). The largest wild herbivores found in the reserve are Gaura, which together with bears, tigers and leopards, *Ratufa indica* (Giant Squirrel) and Spilornis cheela (Crested serpent eagle) are rare and endangered. The endemic flora of the Pachmarhi biosphere reserve includes sal and wild mango. The endemic fauna includes bison, Indian giant squirrel and flying squirrel. The endemic flora of the Pachmarhi biosphere reserve includes Sal and wild mango. The plants that grow naturally in a particular area are called flora of that area. The animals which live naturally in a particular area are called fauna of that area. There are number of water-falls in Pachmarhi but among them "BEE FALL" is considered as most popular one and must visit tourist point.

List of Local Flora

- 1. Cyathea sps
- 2. Funariais terrestrial moss
- 3. Funaria hygrometrica
- 4. Anthoceros sps
- 5. Marchantia sps
- 6. Pinus sps
- 7. Plagiochasam sps
- 8. Psilotum sps
- 9. Lycopodium sps
- 10. Sellaginella sps
- 11. Ophioglossum sps
- 12. Bixa orellana
- 13. Azadiracta indica
- 14. Mangifera indica
- 15. Butea monosperma
- 16. Tectona grandis
- 17. Shorea robusta
- 18. Termenelia arjuna
- 19. Syzigium sps









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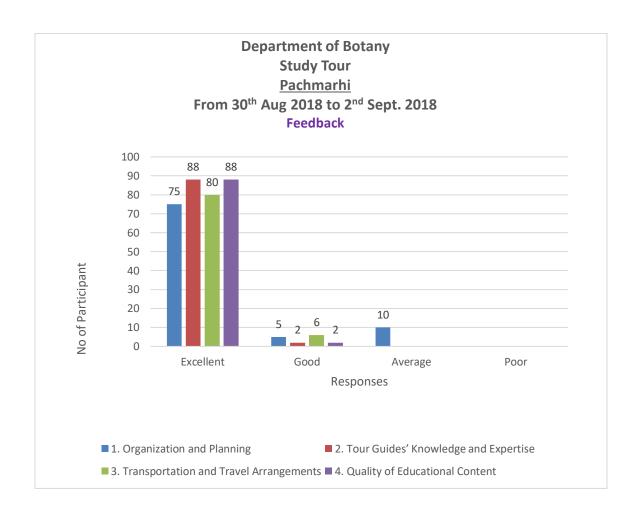
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Feedback

Thank you for participating in the study tour! We would greatly appreciate your feedback to he	elp us
improve future tours. Please take a few moments to rate the following aspects of the tour.	
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ACTION TAKEN –

The Department of Botany at Science College, Congress Nagar, Nagpur, organized an excursion study tour to Pachmarhi from 30th August 2018 to 2nd September 2018 as part of the 2018-2019 academic session. The tour aimed to provide practical exposure to students on various botanical subjects, enhancing their understanding of plant diversity, ecological interactions, and conservation practices in natural habitats. Total 4 teaching staff and 90 students were visited to Pachmarhi. The major objective was to familiarize the students with the wild, bryophytes as well as pteridophytic plant and aquatic flora of the region.

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The tour also featured discussion sessions, presentations by students, and group activities focusing on conservation strategies. The outcomes included hands-on experience in fieldwork, improved understanding of biodiversity and conservation, and the development of teamwork skills. Positive feedback was received from students, with suggestions for more frequent field trips and interactive sessions with local conservationists.