REPORT Field Trip to Sahakari Spice Farm

A field trip was organized for first year students B.A. French (Hons.) and B.A. Portuguese programmes of the French & Francophone Studies and Portuguese & Lusophone studies disciplines from Shenoi Goembab School of Languages and Literature on 11th October 2022 as a part of the UESA 101 Environmental Studies paper. The field trip was conducted at Sahakari spice farm situated amidst lush green surroundings at Curti, Ponda. A total of 18 students and 2 faculty members participated. The trip was organized by Mrs. Saili Parab (Assistant Professor, Environmental Studies) and accompanied & assisted by Ms. Jeanette Noronha (Assistant Professor, Portuguese and Lusophone Studies). The bus left the campus at 10:00 am and arrived at the farm at 11:15 am. The students were given a guided tour of the spice farm and provided vital information about the origin, uses and upkeep of the various plants. Occupying an enormous area of 130 acres, 60 acres of this area is exclusively devoted to the cultivation of Spices, Fruits, Medicinal trees, and Herbs. This Organic Spice Farm is reputed for the various types of Spices grown in a systematic and scientific manner. Some of these spices include: Vanilla/ Orchid Spice(Vanilla Tahitensis), Cinnamon (Cinnamomum Zeylanicum), Nutmeg (Myristical Fragrans), Cardamom (Elettaria Cardmonium), Pepper (Piper Nigrum), Cloves (Syzygrum Aromaticum), Chilli (Capsicum Frutiscens), Curry leaves(Murraya Koenid), Turmeric (Curcuma Longa), Ginger (Zingiber OffcinaleRoc). Students also got to learn agro processing of cashews & vanilla. The students were provided an authentic Goan lunch prepared using the spices available in the spice farm. The field trip culminated at 3.15 pm. Overall it was a fruitful and enriching experience.















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