

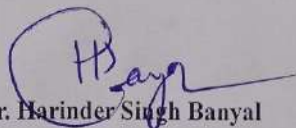
**DEPARTMENT OF BIOSCIENCES**  
**HIMACHAL PRADESH UNIVERSITY, SUMMER HILL SHIMLA-05**  
**Report on Educational tour to Solan and Chandigarh**  
**(14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> March, 2024)**

A Two-days educational tour was organized by the Department of Biosciences for the students of M.Sc. Botany/Zoology accompanied by faculty members Dr. Suresh Kumar, Dr. Neelam Kumari and Dr. Nitesh Kumar. The journey started at 8:30 A.M. on 14/03/2024 from Summer Hill, Shimla. During this trip, students visited Botanical as well as Zoological Institutions like Directorate of Mushroom Research, Solan and HARC-Zoological Survey of India, Solan. They also visited Bird Park, Rock Garden and Chhatbir Zoo at Chandigarh.

At Directorate of Mushroom Research, Solan, various aspects of mushroom cultivation were demonstrated to the students. They were also told about the crop management practices for different species of mushrooms. Students got an opportunity to interact with the Scientific staff at HARC-Zoological Survey of India, Solan. They told the students about establishment, working and achievements of the Institute. The students visited museum as well as faunal repository where rare and endemic faunal specimens of North-Western Himalaya were preserved. A lecture was also delivered by Dr. Manpreet Singh Pandher on "The Arthropods: Blueprint for Success". After that the students went to Bird Park and Rock Garden, Chandigarh. In Bird's Park, students saw different varieties of birds like White Swan, Black Swan, Golden Pheasant, African Grey Parrot and Finches.

Next Day, students visited the Chhatbir Zoo, which is situated at Zirakpur, Chandigarh and spans a vast area of 200 acres of land. In this Zoo, students enjoyed animal viewing, Lion Safari, Aviary and Dino Park.

It was very informative and recreational trip. The students learned a lot about the indigenous as well as exotic floral and faunal diversity.



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