An Educational Visit to the Directorate of Horticulture, Navbahar, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh,

An educational visit was organized by the Departments of Botany and Zoology for science students to the Directorate of Horticulture, Navbahar, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, on 26th December 2025. The primary objective of this visit was to enhance students' practical understanding of floriculture, apiculture, food processing, and modern horticultural practices.

The visit commenced with a warm welcome by the officials of the Directorate, who provided an overview of the institution's role in promoting horticulture in Himachal Pradesh. Students were first introduced to floriculture practices, where they observed the cultivation of various ornamental plants and flowers. They learned about nursery management, seasonal planting, and techniques used to maintain plant health and productivity. The next session focused on apiculture (beekeeping). Experts demonstrated the structure of beehives, the behaviour of honeybees, and the process of honey extraction. Students gained valuable insights into the importance of bees in pollination and sustainable agriculture. Safety measures and maintenance of bee colonies were also explained in detail.

The visit also included a demonstration of food processing techniques. Students were shown how fruits and vegetables are processed into products such as jams, pickles, and juices. Emphasis was laid on preservation methods, hygiene, and packaging, which are crucial for maintaining quality and extending shelf life. In addition, students explored various horticultural practices, including greenhouse technology, irrigation systems, and organic farming methods. Overall, the educational visit proved to be highly informative and engaging. It bridged the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application, inspiring students to explore career opportunities in horticulture and allied fields.

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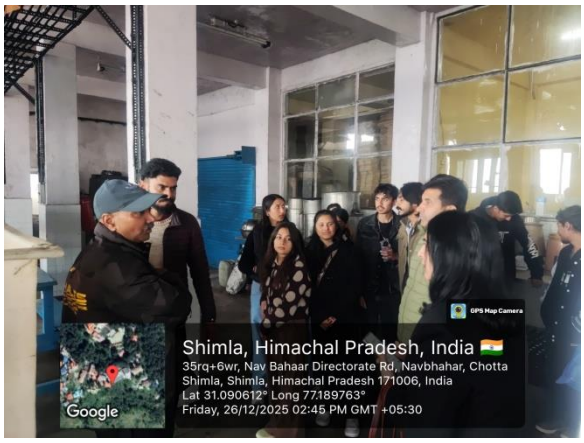
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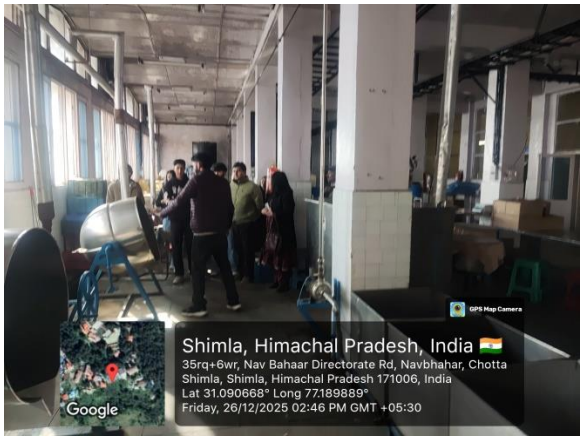

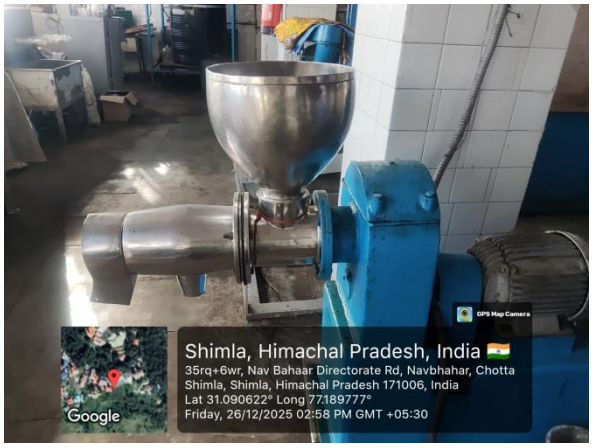

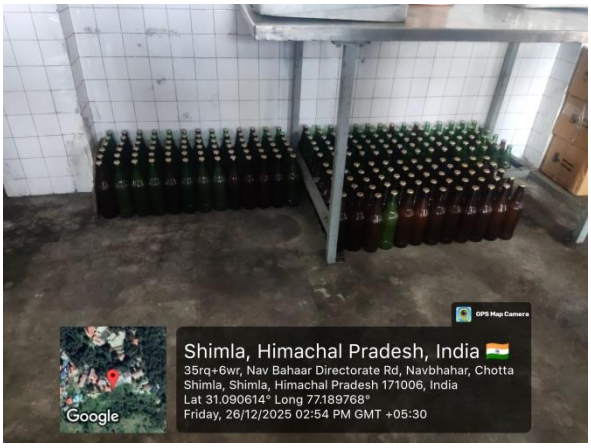

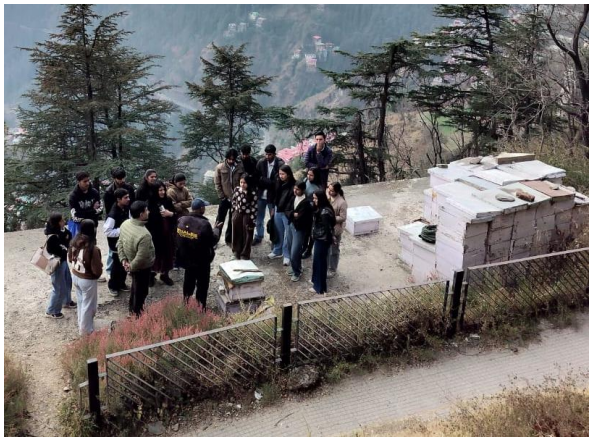

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