**Department of Zoology**

**Report on the Study Tour to Barsey Rhododendron Sanctuary, 2021-2022**

**Date:** April 27th and 28th, 2022  
**Organized by :** Department of Zoology, Ananda Chandra College

**Introduction:**  
The Department of Zoology at Ananda Chandra College organized a study tour to the Barsey Rhododendron Sanctuary on April 27th and 28th, 2022. The excursion aimed to provide students with practical exposure to biodiversity and conservation efforts in natural habitats. This excursion was held as part of their curriculum, particularly aligning with **CC Paper 2** requirements, which mandated exploration of a **National Park, Biodiversity Park, or Wildlife Sanctuary.**

**Teacher guides:**  
The tour was spearheaded by Mr. Biswarup Bhawmick, Associate Professor in the Department of Zoology. Dr. Tanmay Datta and Mr. Zareth Rongong, faculty members, also accompanied the students, ensuring comprehensive supervision and guidance throughout the trip.

**Participation:**  
A total of 8 students from both the 2nd and 4th semesters enthusiastically participated in the study tour. Their active involvement and curiosity significantly enriched the learning experience.

**Objectives:**

1. To explore and observe the diverse flora and fauna within the Barsey Rhododendron Sanctuary.
2. To understand the ecological significance and conservation challenges of the sanctuary.

**Activities:**  
The study tour comprised various engaging activities, including nature trek, wildlife spotting in the sanctuary, and interactive discussions on conservation strategies. Students actively participated in these activities.

**Outcomes:**

* Students were captivated by the vibrant display of rhododendron blooms, gaining insights into the sanctuary's unique ecological diversity.
* Encounters with indigenous wildlife species, like birds and small mammals, provided invaluable opportunities for students to apply their theoretical knowledge in a real-world context.
* Engaging discussions led by faculty members deepened students' understanding of the ecological principles underpinning biodiversity conservation efforts.

**Conclusion:**  
The study tour to Barsey Rhododendron Sanctuary proved to be an enriching educational experience, offering students practical insights into the functioning of natural ecosystems. Through active participation and exploration, students gained a deeper appreciation for biodiversity conservation and the importance of preserving fragile habitats. The Department of Zoology remains committed to organizing such immersive learning opportunities to nurture students' passion for environmental science and conservation.

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