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DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

TOUR REPORT

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PURPOSE:

A study tour is insisted for biology students because they should have a direct knowledge and idea about the diversity of fauna and flora present in the nearby areas. The students must see themselves what they study in their text books. Apart from this, tour helps them to understand each other and become friends. It also develops mutual trust and leadership qualities among students.

Tour Programme:

On the spot observation will give a clear idea about various habitats like rocky and sandy shore, natural cum man made river falls, harbors, etc. A cluster of all these habitats are available in *Thoothukudi and Kanyakumari districts*. Hence a trip to *Thoothukudi, Tiruchendur and Kanyakumari* was arranged by the Department of Zoology. All the students of the Department along with 5 teaching staff and 5 lab assistants of the department were participated. It was a 2 day study tour.

We started from our college campus on **11.2.2013** at 3.00 am in 2 buses. We reached Thoothukudi beach on the same day morning at 7.00 am. In the morning we enjoyed the cool breeze in the sea shore, we walked along the beach, observing the sea waves and collected varieties of shells.

Then we moved to *Thoothukudi harbour* with the permission of port trust authorities. We saw many big sized ships which were anchored in the port and huge cranes loaded the containers on to the ships. We wondered to see heaps of charcoals stored like small mountains, wings of the windmills and different trucks for the transport purpose.

We started from Thoothukudi to Tiruchendur and while we were travelling we saw a large number of salt pans with heaps of salt on both sides of the road. After reaching Tiruchendur we had our lunch there. We visited the sea shore where we enjoyed a lot. Then we went to the temple at 6.00 PM to have darshan of lord Muruga. We went around the temple and admired the beauty of the sculptures. On the same day night we stayed in the *Devesdana Mandapam*. We enjoyed the cool breeze from the sea and pleasant climate of the area.

In the next day morning at 4.30AM we started to Kanyakumari. On the roadsides we saw hundreds of windmills. We reached the sea shore at 7.00AM and viewed the beautiful sunrise. The panoramic scene enthralled us. We watched the spot of "*Tri Sea Sangamam*". We scrolled the beach line enjoyed the cool breeze and the calm waves of the sandy shore and the boulders randomly seen here and there.

By around 10.00 am we visited the *Vivekananda Rock and Thiruvalluvar Statue*. They are really architectural marvels. The serene and solemn atmosphere prevailing there gave peace of mind to one and all. The Thiruvalluvar statue is also so majestic in its appearance. We also visited numerous stalls and shops and purchased variety of shells, other ornamental items and goods.

We moved to *Vattakotai at Nagarcoil*, a *historical place*. In Vattakotai we enjoyed to see the seashore and amazed to see the different colours of the “Tri Sea Sangamam” very clearly to stand on the top of the *Kottai*, and also the *Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project*.

In the afternoon we went to *Thirparappu falls*. The wide natural falls has been altered to enable more people to enjoy the shower of the falls safely. Still it retains its natural beauty. All of us had a good herbal water bath at Thirparappu. After finishing our dinner we started at 8.00PM and safely reached our college campus by 3.15Am on 13.02.2013.

The study trip was so interesting. It was both educative and informative. We enjoyed it and got many new experiences. We made many new friendships. We sincerely thank our Head of the Department and the staff members for arranging a wonderful trip like this and accompanying us and made it a memorable one.
