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**PRESS NOTE**

**23.5.2023**

With the objective of making students familiar with the local biodiversity and sensitizing them about different contemporary issues of biodiversity and eco-tourism, Department of Botany, Govt. Degree College Bhaderwah in collaboration with YUVA Tourism Club and Institution Innovation Council of the college and Department of AYUSH, GoI celebrated International Day for Biological Diversity on 22nd May, 2023 under the guidance and supervision of Principal of the college Dr. Kuldeep Kumar Sharma and HOD Botany Prof. Davinder Kumar. On this occasion a field visit for the students of B.Sc. Semester VI was organized at medicinal plants nursery of Institute of High Altitude Medicinal Plants (IHAMP), Thanthara, Bhaderwah where the students were acquainted with the medicinal plants cultivated in the nursery and provided information about their medicinal values and conservation aspects. A trek was also organized in the surrounding woods of Thanthara to study the biodiversity in natural habitat and to imbibe the spirit of biodiversity conservation and sustainable tourism among students. While addressing the students on this occasion, Prof. B.P Singh laid emphasis on community participation for sustainable utilization and conservation of local medicinal plants. He asserted that highly valued medicinal plants should be brought under cultivation on a larger scale in order to reduce pressure on their wild counterparts which would lead to their uninterrupted propagation and thus conservation. While interacting with the students on this occasion, Dr. Sandeep Kotwal informed that IHAMP is the first of its kind functioning under AYUSH and is acting as a centre of excellence for research and Development of medicinal and aromatic plants growing in high altitude terrains of Himalayan region. He expressed his gratitude to the department of AYUSH, GOI for providing this opportunity to the student of GDC Bhaderwah to get firsthand information on medicinal plants. A total of 58 students accompanied by the faculty including Prof. B.P Singh, Dr. Sandeep Kotwal, Prof. Sandesh Kumar and Dr. Sangeeta Devi and Dilveer Sing, Lab Bearer participated in this event.

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