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PRESS RELEASE

Students of GDC Nowshera visited Sharma Plant Nursery at Siot, Sunderbani

As a part of their curriculum and to have on-field experience of various nursery operations, the students of Semester-I, Skill Enhancement Course in Botany, Government Degree College, Nowshera today visited Sharma Plant Nursery at Siot near Sunderbani. The students were accompanied by Prof. Pooja Devi, Assistant Professor in Botany and Dr. Gowhar Ahmed Shapoo, Lecturer in Botany. Principal of the College, Dr. K.K. Sharma flagged off the field trip from the college campus. Dr. Sharma motivated the students to actively participate in the trip so that they can practically understand the various nursery techniques. He further said that Nursery and Gardening is a profitable business which the students can opt after their studies so as to become self-reliant.

Mr. Ramesh Sharma, a renowned environmentalist and owner of the Nursery extended warm welcome of the staff and students of the college. He thanked the Principal, staff and students of the college to have undertaken this visit to the Nursery. The students were acquainted with various nursery and gardening operations by the technical staff of the Nursery. They learnt various plant propagation methods, water management system, drainage system, hardening off of plants, packaging and transport of plants etc. Practical demonstration of Grafting, Cutting, Layering etc. was also done. Besides, various propagation structures like Green house, Glass house, Poly house, Shade chambers etc. were also shown to the students. They also studied various implements and tools used for nursery and gardening.

The students were also acquainted with plant diversity of the Nursery which included various fruit plants, flowering & ornamental plants, shade-giving plants and medicinal plants. A considerable number of plants were also donated by the nursery owner, Mr. Ramesh Sharma for enrichment of flora of the college campus.

Expressing her satisfaction during the field trip, Prof Pooja Devi, HOD, Botany said that the visit has been very refreshing and educative for the students and staff of the college and conveyed her gratitude to the owner of the nursery for the maintenance and up keeping of this unique plant nursery in the area. She said that this is not merely a nursery but a place of educational and environmental importance. The students were very excited after gaining the practical knowledge related to various nursery & gardening operations. They thanked the Principal of college, Dr. K.K. Sharma and the faculty members of the college to organize this field trip.

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