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## Report of Botanical Trip to Aru Valley, Pahalgam

Department of Botany, Government Degree College Tral, Pulwama organized a day long Botanical-cum-collection trip to Aru valley, Pahalgam for the students of 5<sup>th</sup> semester majoring in Botany on 18-10-2024. This one-day trip was aimed at to provide hands-on learning to students through exploration of the Aru valley's rich flora. A group of 25 students, accompanied by faculty members Prof. Waseem Shahri (Tour In-Charge), Dr. Hilal Ahmad Wani, Dr. Amarjeet Singh, Dr. Saduf Nissar, Dr. Ruquia Gulzar, and non-teaching staff member Mrs. Yasmeen Jan embarked on this study tour. During the trip, the students identified and studied various plant species, including *Indigofera sp., Sambucus nigra*, *Achillea millefolium*, *Tanacetum sp.* (Tansy), *Jacobaea vulgaris* (Ragwort), as well as different conifers and gymnosperms. Prof. Waseem Shahri shared valuable insights regarding the economic importance of these species to the students and emphasized their role in ecological balance. He also expressed gratitude to the worthy Principal, **Prof. (Dr.) Mushtaq Ahmad Malik**, for his unwavering support in facilitating this educational trip.

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