Monthly Programme Report

Newman College, Thodupuzha BMC

Institution Name: **Newman College, Thodupuzha** BMC Code: **IDK/2010/03**

ProgrameTitle: **Field Trip to Rajamala**

Program Category: **Field Visit/Nature Camp**	Activity Type: **Awarness Program**	No.of participants: **52**
Planned Date: **12-11-2024**	Renewed date: **-**	Program Date: **12-11-2024**
Budgeted Amount: **Rs 2000/-**	Total expenditure: **Rs 2000/-**	Balance: **Rs 0/-**

Brief Report

REPORT

Title: Field Trip to Rajamala

Date and Time: 12/11/2024

Venue: Munnar

Organizers: Department of Botany

The Botany Department, in collaboration with Bhoomithrasena Club, organized an ecotourism-focused field trip to Munnar, Kerala, led by Dr. Saju Abraham and Miss Rose Mary Jose with 50 students. The expedition examined sustainable tourism practices in fragile ecosystems, particularly in shola grasslands and tea plantation areas. Students analyzed how ecotourism initiatives balance conservation with community livelihoods by visiting eco-friendly resorts, nature interpretation centers, and tribal villages. Key activities included documenting visitor impacts on endemic flora like *Neelakurinji* (*Strobilanthes kunthiana*), assessing waste management systems in tourist hotspots, and interviewing local guides about environmental education efforts. The group observed successful models of community-based tourism while identifying areas needing improved sustainability protocols. This immersive experience highlighted the critical role of responsible tourism in biodiversity conservation and provided students with practical insights into ecotourism planning and management. The visit concluded with recommendations for minimizing ecological footprints while enhancing visitor experiences in this biodiversity hotspot.

Expenditure Statement

Item	Expenditure	Remarks
Travelling expenses	Rs 2000	
Budgeted Amount		**Rs 2000**
Total Expenditure		**Rs 2000**
Balance Amount		**Rs 0**

Photographs





