

# **Government Siddha Medical College, Chennai -106**

## **Report on Plant Collection and Educational Tour**

**Organized by : Department of Medicinal Botany**

**Participants : 52 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Professional BSMS Students**

**Duration : 2 Nights / 3 Days**

**Destination : Palani – Udumalpet – Munnar**

### **Purpose of the Tour**

The students of Govt. Siddha Medical College, a batch of **VAANPUGAZH** under the guidance **Dr.S.SHANKAR, Dr.BABU RADHAKRISHNAN, Dr.C.MEENAKSHI**, undertook this tour to collect medicinally valuable plants and to gain field experience in plant identification. Along with the academic objective, the students also visited important tourist spots, which provided them cultural exposure and environmental awareness.

### **Day 0 ; (09/09/2025)**

All the students have gathered in Anna Hospital Campus and we started our journey.



## Itinerary and Places :

### Day 1 – Palani → Udumalpet → Munnar

- Palani: A famous pilgrimage town in Tamil Nadu, the hill area around Palani has many medicinal herbs.
- We went to the **Varathamanathi Dam** to collect medicinal plants and we have collected around 35 different medicinal valued plants have collected near the dam.









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• **Udumalpet:** A gateway to the Western Ghats, rich in biodiversity. The region is surrounded by windmills and scenic landscapes, and serves as a base point to enter Kerala's hill stations.



And also we have collected plants while travelling from palani to maraiyur roads.

• **Munnar Arrival:** Dinner and night stay at Munnar.



## Day 2 – Munnar Sightseeing

- **Jeep Safari:** A thrilling ride through Munnar’s hilly terrain, tea plantations, and forest routes, offering students a chance to observe native flora.



• **Photo Point:** A scenic location amidst tea estates, perfect for photography.



• **Elephant Camp:** A conservation spot where elephants are raised and trained, allowing students to learn about wildlife-human interaction.



• **Mattupetty Dam:** A popular picnic spot with boating facilities, built for hydroelectricity and irrigation. Surrounded by hills, the area is also rich in medicinal plants.



• **Echo Point:** A natural echo phenomenon spot, surrounded by lush green hills and lakes.



- **Kundala Lake:** A picturesque lake with boating facilities, known for cherry blossoms.



## **Camp Fire :**

The mesmerizing sight of dancing flames, the calming sounds of crackling wood, the natural warmth, and the distinct smell of burning logs.



## **Day 3 – Munnar → Coimbatore**

- **Idly Hills View Point:** A unique rock formation resembling an idly, surrounded by panoramic views of Munnar hills.



•**Viripara Waterfalls:** A natural waterfall inside a forest region, known for its pristine environment and medicinal herbs growing in the vicinity.



After sightseeing, the team proceeded to Coimbatore for return travel to Chennai.



## **Conclusion:**

The tour successfully combined academic objectives (plant collection and field study of medicinal plants) with recreational and cultural exposure. The students not only gained practical knowledge of flora but also experienced the natural beauty of Palani, Udumalpet, and Munnar. The trip strengthened teamwork, field knowledge, and environmental awareness among the students.

