

# CHOLAYIL TOUR REPORT

Field Trip – SJSACH:

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**On 6<sup>th</sup> August 2022;** Students of *Hareetha* batch along with Dr. Nisha Raj, Dr. Sreenath R, Dept. of Dravyaguna, SJSACH, went on a field trip to VENGAL CHOLAYIL, Balaji street, Thiruvallur with the blessings of Lord Ganapathy.

The journey commenced around 7:30 am, from the campus of SJSACH, we reached the destination around 9:15 am. The incharge of the garden gave a brief about the cholayil and their 80 acres of land. We witnessed the spinning wheel of charkha in a vintage home and thus began the cruise of learning.

We ascertained many medicinal plants thereby. A few of them are:

→*Shalaparni*

→*Agnimantha*

→*Shakothaka*

→*Patra*

→*Sindhuri*

→*Neelini*

→*Nandi vruksha*

→*Vrikshamla*

- Tulsi*
- Vacha*
- Madanaphala*
- Wild nagara*
- Cashew plants; etc.

Our respected faculties divulged us a lot of information, we were also lucky to observe the '*Neela Kurunji*' (*Strobilanthes kunthiana*), the one which flowers once in 12 years. The caretaker showed us the guest house of that place from where we were able to have a good view of the whole cholayil land. The caretaker lead us to further places where we could observe the farming methods. There were plantations of Beans, Okra, Amalaki, Sapodilla, Mango; etc.

We also observed the compost pits, manures, etc. There were specific green shades for rare plants like cactus. Apart from these we had a glimpse of Emu, hens and rabbits. We departed from garden around 2:00 pm and were inside the campus of SJSACH, Nazarathpet around 4:00pm in the evening.

It was a valuable and fun filled journey all way. The faculties showered their better and the students gained the best of knowledge.

