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Report on One-Day Socio-economic Field Survey

Department of Geography, GDC Pampore

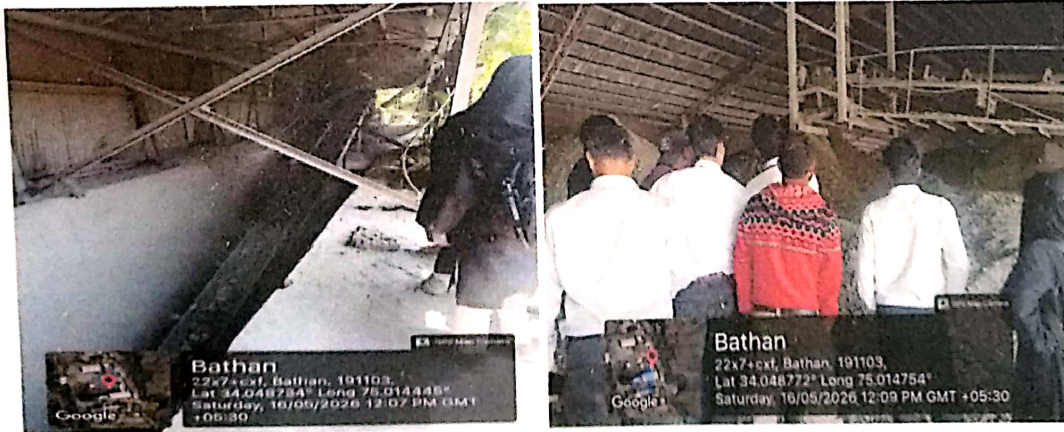
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As part of the academic curriculum and practical learning activities, the Department of Geography, Government Degree College Pampore, organized a One-day Socio-economic Field Survey on 16-05-2026 for the students of 2nd Semester to the ICC Cement Plant at Khrew, Pampore. The primary objective of this visit was to provide students with first-hand exposure to socio-economic survey techniques and the interaction between human activities and the natural environment. Field surveys form an essential component of geographical studies, enabling students to connect theoretical concepts with real-world situations.

The primary objective of the survey was to study the functioning of a cement manufacturing plant, observe the working conditions of factory workers and understand the concept of man-environment interaction in an industrial setting. The survey also focused to assess the environmental impact of cement production on surrounding ecosystems, the socio-economic significance of the plant and to examine the health implications of industrial activities on workers and nearby residents. The survey helped to train students in conducting socio-economic field surveys and collecting primary data through observation and interaction.

The ICC Cement Plant located in Khrew, Pampore, is one of the important industrial establishments in the region and plays an important role by providing employment opportunities and contributing to infrastructure growth. During the visit, students were introduced to different sections of the cement plant and were given an overview of the production processes by the plant authorities.

The students conducted the socio-economic survey using a combination of field-based research methods like direct observation, interaction with plant authorities and interviews with workers. Students observed the functioning of the Cement plant, working conditions of workers and man-environment interaction. One of the major focuses of the survey was to understand how human industrial activity interacts with the surrounding environment.



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The students observed the alteration of natural landscape due to limestone extraction, visible dust deposition on nearby vegetation, reduction in green cover around certain industrial zones and human adaptation to industrial development through employment and settlement patterns. The survey highlighted the dual nature of industrial development; economic advancement on one hand and environmental stress on the other. Students also observed the environmental impact assessment through air pollution, impact on ecosystem, land degradation and impact on human health. Students understood the importance of balancing industrial growth with public health protection. Despite environmental concerns, the cement plant contributes significantly to the local economy through employment generation, income support for many families, development of transport and local markets, industrial growth in the Khrew, Pampore region. The survey highlighted how communities often depend economically on industries that may also create environmental challenges. The interaction with authorities and workers added valuable depth to their understanding and enriched their academic knowledge.

The One-day socio-economic field survey to the ICC Cement Plant, Khrew, was a meaningful and informative academic exercise for the students of the Department of Geography, GDC Pampore. The visit provided important insights into industrial functioning, labor conditions, environmental challenges, and socio-economic dynamics associated with cement production. The survey demonstrated that while industrial establishments such as cement plants play a crucial role in economic development and employment generation, they also pose significant environmental and health concerns that require careful monitoring and sustainable management practices. Overall, the field experience enhanced the students' practical understanding of geographical concepts and equipped them with essential research skills necessary for future academic work.

The Department of Geography, Government Degree College, Pampore expresses sincere gratitude to Prof. (Dr.) Gazala Gaiys, Principal of the college for granting permission and providing administrative consent for conducting this Socio-economic survey visit to ICC Cement Plant, Khrew. The students were accompanied by Dr. Sidrat Ul Muntaha Anees, HOD Geography and Dr. Rafiq Hussain Andrabi (AA) Geography who provided academic guidance throughout the survey, helping students in data collection, observation and interaction with plant authorities and workers.

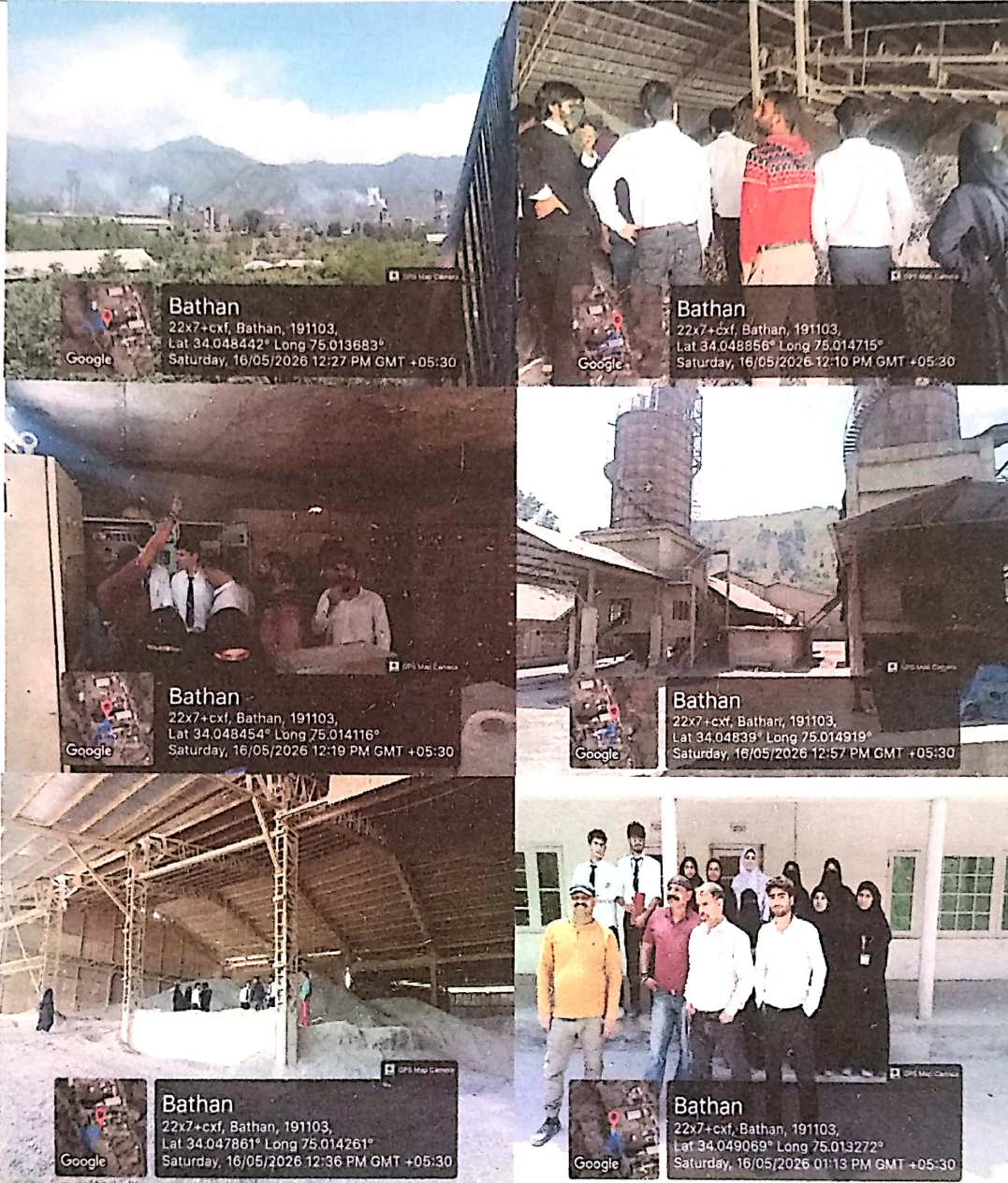


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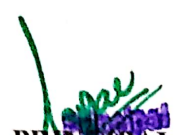




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