**Report**

**Educational Tour Islamic Studies**

The tour commenced on 30th August at 9:00 a.m. accompanying 35 students of semester 5th Core Batch 2021. The students were lead by the departmental faculty Dr Iqbal Malik (I/C Head Department of Islamic Studies) and Dr. Zubair Hamid (AAL). The first destination to be visited was Pathar Masjid Srinagar, where students were acquainted with the historical information by Dr. Zubair Hamid and members its religious (spiritual) importance in the Mughal Era was explained by Dr. Iqbal Malik. The students were received by the officials of the Department of Archeological Survey of India. They provided the logistical support and cooperation required which they deserve a token of appreciation.

Following which the students headed to the abode of the leading Sufi Shaykh Makhdoom Hamza, where they were familiarized with the myriad Orders of Sufism in Kashmir and exclusively the Suhrawardiya Order plus the role of Shaykh Hamza Makhdoom was also brought to limelight. Thereafter the students were connected to the cultural and literary heritage in the historical Jamia Masjid of Srinagar where they witnessed the beauty, resilience and engineering skills of the Sultanate period. Showcasing the rich history, the still standing Jamia Masjid exhibited the legacy and stature of the Muslim Sultans.

Before the students enjoyed their home made lunch in the courtyard of the Hazratbal Shrine, they were sensitized by the staff about the abuses of the plastic and benefits of keeping the environment clean. After which, the students were asked to share their individual experiences regarding the tour. The session concluded with the admonition to the students by Dr. Iqbal Malik plus bringing forward the essence of the educational tours.

The final venue to be visited was the Directorate of Distance Education, University of Kashmir. The staff and the students were warmly received by the department in the conference hall. A session of exchanging experience, expert advices by Dr. Muhammad Dawood Sofi (I/C Head Department of Islamic Studies), Dr Habibllah Shah (Faculty, Department of Education) and Dr Syed Ishfaq (Faculty, Department of Education) thus opening intellectual vistas of our beloved students was held which was initiated by Dr Zubair Hamid and finally concluded by a formal vote of thanks by Dr Iqbal Malik.

  




