Teaching and non-teaching staff who escorted the students

S. No.	Name of teacher
1	Mr. A. M Chalkoo, Head Department of Botany
2	Mr. Fayaz Ahmad Bhat, Head Department of Chemistry
3	Prof. M. Shafi Parray, Associate Professor Botany
4	Mr. Shakti Prakash, Head BCA
5	Mr. Riyaz Ahmad Shah, Head Department of Mathematics
6	Faculty members of Botany, Zoology, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, BCA, Geography, IT & Biotechnology

Principal
Government Degree College
Anantnag

Tour incharge **Principal**

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Surrounded by beautiful hills and lots of greenery, Pahalgam is situated at an altitude of 2,130 m. The climate is not too harsh and the sight of the stunning Lidder River flowing through the town is beautiful. Pahalgam is situated at the junction of the Aru and Sheshnag Rivers and surrounded by tall fir-covered mountains and snow-clad peaks forming a spectacular sight. It is believed that Pahalgam was once a humble shepherd's village. It is also the starting point of the annual Amarnath Yatra when thousands of Shiva devotees gather here. Pahalgam is also very popular amongst the trekking and adventure community.

On the said date students were directed to report the College sharp at 8:00 am. The fleet left the College at 8:30 am and reached the destination at 10:30 am. On reaching the destination students were divided into groups lead by incharge teachers. Each group was asked to explore the area and analyse the local flora. Students were apprised of different physiological and metabolic mechanisms operating inside plants. Students enjoyed the company of nature so much so that they insisted to stay for quite some time to explore the entire area. They also realised the fact that they have a huge responsibility to share in spreading environmental awareness among masses. Teachers made them realise that humans are only one species among so many diverse life forms inhabiting earth. But humans, as the master creation, have the responsibility to take care of all fellow species.

Faculty members of Botany & Zoology escorted the students to a trek of 4 km leading to a Pahalgam Wild life Sanctuary famous for Snow Leopard, Black Bear and Musk Deer.

The tour ended on a high note when Head, Department of Botany, delivered a motivational speech for the betterment of student community at large. The fleet then left the destination at around 5:00 pm in the evening and reached back to the College premises well in time.

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(Faculty of Science)

Science tour/Field trip to Pahalgam, Anantnag

As part of undergraduate curriculum, one day field trip to Pahalgam was organised by Government Degree College Anantnag for science students of different semesters on 24th September 2022. The tour was aimed to familiarise the college students with the intricacies of Nature and Environment.

The name Pahalgam is derived from two Kashmiri words; Puheyl and Goam, wherein Puheyl means Shepherd and Goam means Village, this over the time became Puheylgoam or Pahalgam. It is because the place acts as a gateway to many meadows & pastures and traditional Bakharwal communities settle in those places from spring season to pre-winter to herd their cattle. Hence the name "Valley of Shepherds" which it has been referred to as by various Governmental Bodies to exotify it and turn it into a brawling tourist hub.