REPORT

The Department of Economics, SHMM GDC Anantnag, organized an experiential learning tour to the Mughal Gardens, Srinagar, on 15-10-2025 as part of its initiative to enhance understanding of students through field-based exposure. The tour was conducted under the able leadership of Prof.Javid Ahmad Bhat,HoD Economics ,accompanied by faculty members of the department, Prof Muzamil Jan(Assistant Professor), Prof.Rohit Ul Bashir (Assistant Professor) and Dr.Shahid Nadeem (Guest Faculty).A group of 40 students from UG 5th Semester participated in the Tour. The primary objective of the tour was to provide students with an opportunity to connect theoretical knowledge with real-world observation,particularly in the areas of tourism economics, heritage management, environmental economics and local livelihood patterns.

The Mughal Gardens known for their historical significance, architectural beauty, and terraced landscaping, offered a rich learning environment. Students observed the garden layout, water channels, aesthetic symmetry, and maintenance practices, and reflected on how heritage sites contribute to the regional economy through tourism, employment generation, and cultural preservation During the visit students interacted with garden officials, local vendors, and tourists, gaining insights into the economic activities associated with heritage tourism. Faculty members briefed students on various aspects such as pricing of entry tickets, seasonal visitor inflow, revenue generation and the multiplier effect on the local economy.

Following the garden visit, students proceeded to the Department of Economics, University of Kashmir, where they interacted with faculty and research scholars. The interaction offered insights into ongoing research and postgraduate academic structure.Overall, the visit proved to be highly productive, informative, and enjoyable. The Department of Economics intends to continue organizing such academic excursions to broaden perspectives of students and strengthen their practical understanding of economic concepts.

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