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Press Note

“One day trek to Taru village”

Dept. of Travel and Tourism Management, Leh Campus, University of Ladakh organized a one-day trek to Taru village as a part of Adventure Tourism activity for both 2nd and 4th semester students. The purpose of organizing this outdoor activity was to acquaint students on how to conduct an adventure activity for tourists and to provide a practical session on tour guiding for students. Some students posed as tourists while some posed as tour guides in this trek. Mr. Hamid, student of 2nd semester and a YouTuber, started shooting his video on this trekking session right from TTM classroom till the end of the trek.

Before beginning the trek, Mr. Jigmet Spaldan, student of 2nd semester, introduced himself as the main guide for the trek and briefed the group about the dos and don'ts that they should follow during the trek. He also pointed out the landmarks where the group will be stopping in between and encouraged other students to speak about these landmarks if anyone knew.

The first stop of the trek after leaving the university gate was the first diversion of Taru village where one road leads to Taru Pharka and the other leads to Taru Gab. Here Mr. Mubarak Hussain, student of 2nd semester, briefed the group about this diversion, the nearby stream and its importance for hostellers of university as well as for Taru village in the summers. He also talked about the significance of first aid kit in tour guiding.

The next stop was at Taru Bridge where Ms. Chosnit Dolma, student of 4th semester, guided students about Jal Jeevan water supply from the stream and also drew attention of the group towards a local bird, Chukar which is also known as Rhakpa in Ladakhi. Ms. Chosnit described the folklore related to this bird and the need to conserve this species.

The third stop was near a hill on the main upper road of Taru where Mr. Salman Khan, student of 2nd semester, spoke about mountaineering as a part of adventure tourism and how it should be done by a tourist group. He also briefed the group that a tea break would be held shortly after that stop and encouraged the group to keep up with their enthusiasm and energy.

After this, the group assembled near a water stream for a tea break where tea was served along with refreshments like local biscuits, chips etc. This tea break was thoroughly enjoyed by all the members as the location was beautiful and students were able to take some good photographs here. This break and the location reminded the group about old times in villages when life used to be slow and people appreciated small things in life.

After the tea break, the group proceeded further into the village and reached a location where old stupas were present. Here, the group was briefed by Mr. Sajjad Akbar Khan, student of 4th semester, who gave a detail description of stupas and their importance in Buddhism.

After the visit to stupas, students took the lower road and started descending. From here, both the old monastery and the new monastery of Taru could be seen closely. After this, Ms. Tsering Chuskit, gave her views about the trekking session and how she enjoyed this practical session on tour guiding. The rest of the students also gave their feedback. Students pointed out that rural tourism, farm tourism and adventure tourism could be developed in Taru village in the coming years.

Around 3:30 pm, the group finished the trek and reached the University. At the main gate, Mr. Jigmet Spaldan, student of 2nd semester, again briefed the group and thanked the whole group for their cooperation. He also asked for feedback from the group and stated that all students learnt a lot from this practical session.

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