

Field Excursion conducted by Geography Department, Victoria Institution (College)

Department of Geography organised an Excursion as part fulfilment of Semester 5 GEOA syllabus for GEO-A-CC-5-P-Research Methodology and Fieldwork Lab. The destination was selected to study and analyse the socio- economic and physico-cultural spectrum of a small valley in the natural lap of Western Himalayas, namely Sangla, Kinnaur district, Himachal Pradesh. The journey began from Howrah station on 06/05/2024. The group reached Sangla on 11/05/2023 via Shimla, Kalpa, and Chitkul and stayed there to conduct fieldwork for three nights. The field visit consisted of the following layers of field works like-

1. Collection of primary data on physical aspects of the study area with the help of Dumpy Level, Prismatic Compass, GPS and Clinometer.
2. Collection of soil samples for determining pH and NPK values with the help of a soil kit.
3. Collection of socio-economic data, at the household level (with the help of a questionnaire) in the selected study area.
4. Collection of market related data from market survey.
5. Plot to plot land use survey for preparation of a land use map of the study area.

After completing the Field work successfully, the team returned Howrah station on 16/05/2024.



Soil sample collection by the students



Students doing market survey



Dumpy level survey by Dr. Saswati Nayak and students



A group photograph