

Field Visit – Arecanut Plantation

Field visit to Arecanut Hub - of Karnataka on 11 October 2025

Objectives of the programme:

The objective of the field visit to the arecanut plantation was to provide students with practical knowledge of organic farming practices and sustainable agriculture. The programme aimed to help students understand the importance of arecanut cultivation in the Puttur region, the concept of multi-tier cropping, effective water management, and post-harvest processing techniques. The visit also aimed to create awareness about agricultural economics, value addition, and the role of cooperatives like CAMPCO in ensuring market stability for farmers.

Programme Highlights:

- Students visited an arecanut plantation located about 7–8 km away in Puttur, popularly known as the “Arecanut Hub” of Karnataka.
- The farmer explained the significance of arecanut cultivation and how the region’s humid climate and laterite-rich soil support high productivity.
- Students learned about the selection of high-quality seed nuts, nursery practices, planting methods, spacing, and shading techniques using banana plants.
- The importance of organic manuring, compost application, and sprinkler irrigation systems for maintaining soil fertility and humidity was explained.
- The multi-tier cropping system was demonstrated, where black pepper vines were grown on arecanut trunks and crops like banana and betel leaf were cultivated in the middle layer.
- Students observed the post-harvest processing of arecanuts, including dehusking and sun-drying in traditional ‘Kalas’ yards to produce chali (white supari)..
- The farmer introduced modern tools such as mechanical dehusking machines and harvesting equipment to address labor challenges.
- The visit helped students understand sustainable farming, efficient resource utilization, water management, and the economic value of organized agricultural practices.



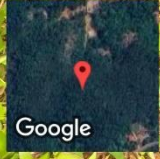
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