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REPORT: 'FIELD VISIT'

The field visit is part of study of **B. Sc. Semester V students** conducted on 5th Oct., 2023 by **Zoology Department**, S. N. Mor College, Tumsar under supervision of **Dr. A. A. Salwe, Dr. P. P. Thakur and Mr. Robert Bhowate.** Total **56 students** participated in field visit. For field visit we chosen **rice fields in Hasara** village near to Tumsar town. We gathered in college at 9.00 am. Students came with insect collecting net and insect collecting bottle. We reached to the rice field at 9.30 am. **Dr. A. A. Salwe** explained different stages of **rice plant**, **pest of rice, predators (natural enemies)** found in rice fields. She shown different species of pest like yellow stem borers, White backed planthopper, Brown planthopper, rice hispa, Grasshopper and rice leafroller etc. found in rice field and explained damage caused by these species; also shown different species of predators (natural enemies) like Asopinae bugs, Carbides beetles, dragon fly, damsel fly and spiders etc. She explained importance of predators and how predators work, which pest prefer by different predators. Dr. Salwe concluded we can control pest population without use of insecticide and pesticide and save biodiversity. Students note down all discussion in diary and collected all pests and predator species in collecting bottles.

The objective of field visit was to aware students about pests and predators found in rice fields because this area is known as 'Rice Bowl' of Vidarbha region. If students aware about natural enemies found in fields, they can create healthy and insecticide free environment in future.

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