Exposure visit to rural enterprises

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On the second day of workshop 'Youth Leadership and Rural Advancement' the participants were taken on an exposure visit to rural industries. The first one was Mahadev Woolen Mill, the students saw the way raw wool from the breeders is processed into a yarn. The Mill is being run by Jai Kumar. The mill processes wool from local sheep, angora, pashmina and imported wool from Australia and is converting it into export quality yarn. The mill has got subsidies from various agencies. Before this mill came up the local breeders were able to get their yarn from Panipat or Delhi. It has facilitated the local breeders.

Some of the products of Shiva Foods Pvt. Ltd

The second visit
was to Shiva Foods Private Limited, a food processing unit processing various kinds of local material like amla, harda, behda, turmeric, aloe vera, mango, chillies etc. into pickles, juices, syrops and candies. Shiva Foods also processes about 300 tons of honey every year. Students interacted with Vijai Patial and his wife Amita and were amazed to learn that they started this business 18 years ago with a capital of Rs. 50 and has now reached a turnover of about 3 Crores annually. They have also got a plot in Industrial Area, Baddi and have substantial expansion plans for the coming years. [caption id="attachment_661" align="aligncenter" width="500" caption="Praveen Sharma interacting with participants"]

After the visit the students shared their experiences of the Workshop and was quite a learning for them. They would like to have more such programs in future as well. Praveen Sharma, Executive Director of CSD also shared his experiences with the participants and told them about the way they can make a difference in the lives of people around them. [caption id="attachment_662" align="aligncenter" width="500" caption="Er. M.L. Moudgil, Principal, JNGEC giving away the Participation Certificates"]

In the valedictory session Er. M.L. Moudgil, Principal, JNGEC congratulated the students and organisers for a successful workshop and extended his cooperation in future programs as well. He also gave away the participation certificates. Prem Singh Thakur delivered vote of thanks to formally end the program. The participants dispersed after the National Anthem.

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