

Department of Botany

Final year Post Graduate 21 students and 2 staff members were went for field trip to kanchnagiri on 4th August to explore the biodiversity . **Kanchanagiri** is located in Vellore district, has a range of plateau surrounded by hills. This mountain has sixty acres of plain area with a big pond in the centre. *Cassia* plant variety abounds all around the area. Many suyambu lingams are distributed. It is believed that many Siddhars lived there about thousands of years ago. There is a Lord Shiva temple, the deity Shiva lingam is surmounted by the seven headed snake. The banyan trees with full of shade is a pleasant to look and extended up to several acres. The spiritual nagalingam tree and scented nagalinga flowers are adorned giving such a scenic beauty. There is also perennial rivulet near the temple site. Most of the rocks are in shape of lingam; nearly about 1008 such lingams are present. One of the rock is called as 'Manipaarai' sounds like bronze bell when tapped.