

Report on Educational Tour

To: Director, ICAR-Directorate of Mushroom Research (DMR), Solan

From: Students of BSc-I & BSc-III NM

Date of Visit: 30 September 2025

Venue: DMR, Chambaghat, Solan, Himachal Pradesh

1. Introduction

On 30 September 2025, the students of BSc-I and BSc-III NM visited the Directorate of Mushroom Research (DMR), Solan. The objective was to gain practical exposure to mushroom cultivation, research, spawn production, value-addition, and related technologies, thereby linking our theoretical studies with real-world application.

2. About the Institution

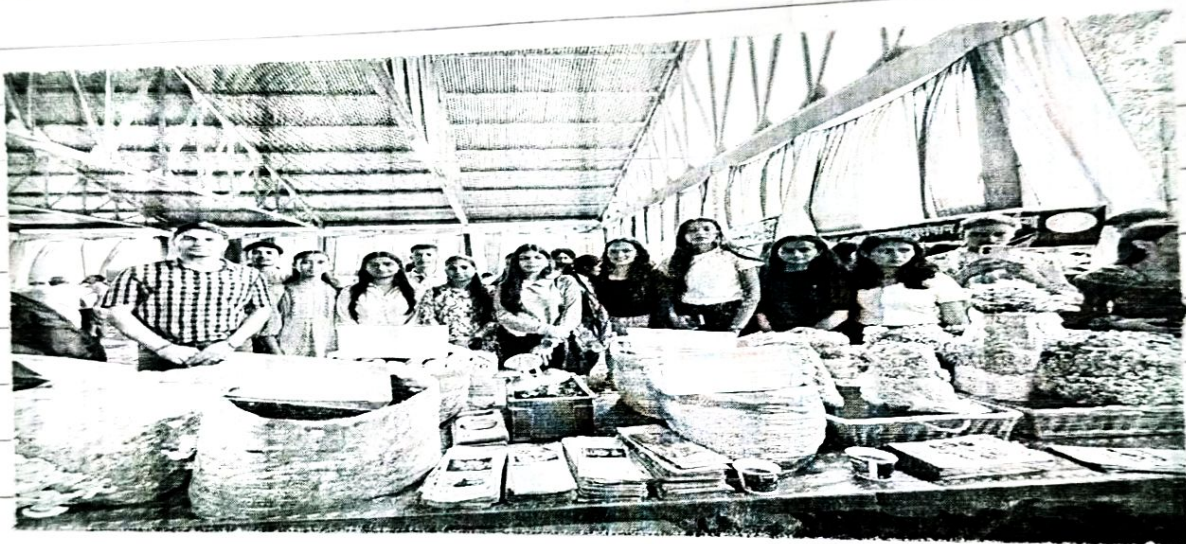
The Directorate of Mushroom Research (DMR) at Solan is a premier national institute working exclusively on mushrooms (research, training, extension) under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). It is located at Chambaghat, Solan, Himachal Pradesh. The Institute's mandate includes germplasm collection and conservation, strain improvement, cultivation technologies, pest & disease management, post-harvest value addition and training of growers and entrepreneurs.

3. Programme of the Visit

- Arrival and registration at DMR campus.
 - Welcome by DMR staff and orientation: history of the institute, mission, research scope.
 - Visit to National Mushroom Mela held at the DMR
 - Interaction of the students with the different entrepreneurs came from the different part of India. Interaction
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4. Outcomes of the Visit

- **Enhanced understanding:** Students now have a clearer, practical understanding of the entire mushroom cultivation cycle—from spawn to harvesting to value-addition.



- **Skill exposure:** The visit motivated students to consider hands-on practical in mushroom cultivation.
 - **Entrepreneurial awareness:** Many students expressed interest in exploring mushroom cultivation as a micro-enterprise, particularly using the technologies shown at DMR.
 - **Research interest:** Some students indicated interest in specialty mushrooms (beyond common button/oyster) after seeing the research units at DMR.
 - **Curriculum enrichment:** The visit will help link our classroom modules (mycology, biotechnology, food & nutrition) with real-world practice and thus improve the overall learning experience.
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7. Conclusion

The educational tour to DMR Solan on 30 September 2025 was a highly fruitful and motivating experience for all participants. It provided a comprehensive view of how science and research at an institute translate into commercial cultivation and value chain of mushrooms. The exposure has strengthened our academic and career perspectives and opened up new avenues for practical work and entrepreneurship. We express our sincere thanks to the Director and all staff of DMR for their warm welcome and informative sessions, and to our college/institute for organising this visit.

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2	2516006	Sedhi	P
3	2557027	Srinagar	P
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5	2558004	Ritika	P
6	2557032	Damini	P
7	2558007	Anchal	P
8	2557006	Sneha	P
9	2557004	Nishi	P
10	2516003	Akshita	P
11	2557002	Jnati	P
12	2557010	Sakshi	P
13	2558002	Kritika	P
14	2558012	Ritika	P
15	2557022	Albha	P
16	2558008	Yashika	P
17	2516011	Bhumiika	P
18	251607	Deepa	P
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26	2557007	Dikshit	P
27	2557019	Vivan	P
28	2557011	Kritanya	P
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