

Department Name :- Biotechnology

Event/ activity Name :- Visit to Educational Field Trip at West Coast Frozen Food Pvt. Ltd., Olpad, Surat

Date :- 24-01-2017

No. of Days :- Half Day from 3 to 7

Venue:- West Coast Prawn Processing Level :-Post Graduate M.Sc. Sem 8 Biotech Company, Orma, Olpad

Collaboration (if any) :- Nil

Resource Persons (if any) :- Dr. Sudhir Nair (Company Director), Mr. Jaykumar & Hiteshbhai (Factory In-charge), Mr. Micheal (Lab In-charge)

Aim/purpose: To provide practical knowledge regarding prawn processing & product making.

Details of the event/ activity: Mr. Jaykumar explained the history & present status, food products & work of West Coast Company through a video & few presentations to introduce the processing & company's role. Then students were given lab coats & dresses to visit 2 units where actual prawn cleaning, processing, packing & storing was done. Students saw brine blast, glazing, blanching; block product making, etc in the units' batch wise. Also they saw company's own ice flake making machinery, Laboratory & water treatment plants. Students clarified their doubts & were delighted to spend time in one of the first five ranking internationally exporting company.

Participants: - M.Sc. Sem 8 Biotech Students (32 total number)

Winners (if any) :- Not Applicable

Outcome: - Students learned how a food processing factory runs, how food is assessed, and what kind of quality assurance is needed & how certifications play role.

Signature of event/ activity co-coordinator :- Dr. Nehal D. Shah & Datasha Kanthariya