



**Shiv Chhatrapati Shikshan Sanstha**  
**Rajarshi Shahu Mahavidyalaya, Latur**  
**(Empowered Autonomous Institution)**  
**Department of Economics**  
**Academic Year 2025-2026**  
**A Summary Report of the Activity**

1) Title of Programme:	<b>Field Visit under Experiential and Inquiry-Based Learning - Mapro Industry - Vai, Panchagni, Mahabaleshwar, Vasota Fort, Satara.</b>			
2) Name of Organizing Department/Unit:	Department of Economics			
3) Name of the Coordinator(s)/ Convener(s)/ Organizer(s) of the Programme:	Dr. B. P. Gadekar (HoD) Prof. J. H. Gaikwad Prof. Rupali Jadhav Prof. N. R. Walke			
4) Date(s) of the Programme:	24,25 & 26/01/2026			
5) Venue:	Mapro Industry - Vai, Panchgani Mahabaleshwar, Vasota Fort, Satara			
6) Target Group:	UG & PG Students			
7) Number of Participants:	Male	Female	Total	
A separate list with signatures be maintained in the department/Unit)	Teaching	02	01	03
	Non-Teaching	00	00	00
	Students	14	17	<b>34</b>
8) Name(s) and details of Resource Person(s), if any:	-			
9) Total Expenditure for the Programme:	1,08,500 Rs			
10) Source of Funding:	Collection by Student (per candidate 3500 Rs.)			



## **B) Report**

**I. Title: Field Visit under Experiential and Inquiry-Based Learning - Mapro Industry - Vai, Panchagni, Mahabaleshwar, Vasota Fort, Satara.**

### **II. Introduction:**

The Department of Economics, Rajarshi Shahu Mahavidyalaya (Empowered Autonomous Institution), Latur, organized a Field Visit under Experiential and Inquiry-Based Learning from **24th to 26th January 2026**. The visit was designed to enable students to observe, inquire, analyze, and relate theoretical concepts of economics with real-world industrial, tourism, and environmental practices. The programme was conducted under the guidance of Dr. B. P. Gadekar, Head, Department of Economics. The visit was successfully organized by Prof. Rupali Jadhav (Organizing Secretary) and coordinate Prof. J. H. Gaikwad (Coordinator). A total of 31 students and 3 staff members participated in the field visit. The selected study locations included Mapro Food Industry-Wai, Panchgani, Mahabaleshwar, and Vasota Fort. The programme also included boating and night camping at the Koyna River, which supported inquiry-based learning related to eco-tourism, biodiversity, and sustainable development..

### **III. Objectives of Field Visit:**

- 1) To provide experiential learning through direct observation of industrial operations at Mapro Food Industry.
- 2) To promote inquiry-based learning by encouraging students to analyze industrial processes, tourism activities, and regional economic development.
- 3) To understand the economic impact of agro-based industries and tourism on local communities.
- 4) To study the historical, geographical, and environmental significance of Vasota Fort and the Koyna region.
- 5) To develop critical thinking, teamwork, leadership, and environmental consciousness among students.

### **IV. Details of Participants:**

**34 Participants (16 Male and 18 Female)** attended the Industrial Field visit.

### **V. Brief Summary of Field Visit:**

**Department of Economics and Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Economics student Association** Organized three day Industrial Field Visit on **24, 25 and 26 January 2026** at **Mapro Industry -Vai , Panchgani ,Mahabaleshwar, Vasota Fort, Satara** Under guidance **Dr. B. P.**

Gadekar(HoD), Prof. J. H. Gaikwad and Prof. Rupali Jadhav. Mahabaleshwar, known for its pleasant climate and strawberry farm, is one of Maharashtra's most popular hill stations. A major highlight of the Industrial Field Visit was the Mapro Food Products Pvt. Ltd., a well-known food processing company. Students were shown the manufacturing process of fruit-based products such as jams, jellies, squashes, chocolates, and syrups. Students also visited the Mapro Garden outlet and understood marketing and customer service practices. Students visited Panchgani and Mahabaleshwar, where they examined tourism-led economic activities such as hospitality services, local markets, transportation, and seasonal employment. Discussions focused on tourism economics, regional income generation, and sustainable development practices. Vasota Killa played an important role during the Maratha period. It was captured by Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in 1656. The fort was used as a watchtower due to its strategic location and steep cliffs, which provided natural defense. The trek to Vasota Killa was adventurous and challenging. Students passed through thick forests, rocky paths, and steep slopes. Along the way, they observed rich biodiversity, including various trees, birds, and insects, as the fort lies within the Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary. The programme also included boating at the Koyna River and night camping, during which students inquired about eco-tourism models, biodiversity protection, and sustainable use of natural resources. The visit concluded on 26th January 2026, and the group returned safely to Latur.

#### VI. Conclusion, with Feedback on the Field Visit:

The Field Visit based on Experiential and Inquiry-Based Learning proved to be highly effective in enhancing students' understanding of applied economics. It enabled students to observe real-world economic activities, ask relevant questions, and critically analyze the interrelationship between industry, tourism, environment and regional development. Student feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Participants expressed that the visit strengthened their practical understanding, analytical skills, curiosity and collaborative learning. The guidance and supervision of faculty members ensured academic relevance, discipline and safety throughout the programme. Overall, the field visit successfully achieved its learning outcomes and contributed significantly to the holistic development of Economics students.

Date: 28/01/2026

  
Organizing Secretary  
Prof. Rupali Jadhav



  
HoD  
Dr. B. P. Gadekar  
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C) Banner of Field Visit :



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अर्थशास्त्र विभाग

द्वारा आयोजित

**शैक्षणिक अभ्यास सहल**

Date: 24,25, 26 Jan. 2026

: मार्गदर्शक :

: विभाग प्रमुख : : प्राचार्य :

**डॉ. बी. पी. गाडेकर** **डॉ. महादेव गव्हाणे**

**D) Geotagged Photographs/ Screenshots:**



**Students and staff members of the Department of Economics during their industrial visit to Mapro Industry, Wai (Dist. Satara).**



**Display of various food products manufactured by Mapro Industry, showcasing agro-based industrial development.**



**Faculty member purchasing products at Mapro Industry, understanding production and marketing practices.**



**Participants at Menavali Ghat, Wai, observing the historical and geographical significance of the Krishna River region.**



**Group visit to the Big Ganpati Temple, Wai, as part of cultural and heritage exposure during the field visit.**



**Participants travelling by boat to Vasota Fort, gaining practical exposure to eco-tourism and regional geography.**



**Students and staff members during the camping stay, promoting team building and experiential learning.**



**Students and faculty members trekking to Vasota Fort, Satara, for experiential learning in historical and environmental studies.**

## E) List of Participants:



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Date: 23/01/2026

Department of Economics 03 Days Educational Study Trip (Industrial Field Visit)  
on **24, 25 and 26 January, 2026**

Route of Trip Latur to Wai – Panchagani- Mahabaleswar–Satara -Vasota-Latur

**Teachers Name & Mobile No.**

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2. Prof. Gaikwad J.H.	- 9765514135
3. Prof. Jadhav R.N.	- 8830585361

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27	Admane Ritesh	M	M.A. II	7057288302
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