

Learning by Seeing.

Mantaqi Centre for Science & Society organised a field trip of students to Dal Lake. Honorable Vice Chancellor, Prof. Shakil Ahmad Ramshoo launched the field trip on Saturday 26th August, 2023.

Field trip focused on students getting a first-hand look at the challenges of sustainable development in Kashmir through the lens of water pollution in Dal Lake, Srinagar.

HVC and students were hosted by **Nostalgic Kashmir** exhibition curator Mr. Showkat Rashid Wani, former Power Development Commissioner, Kashmir. Mr. Wani helped students benchmark the condition of Dal Lake and other major water bodies in Kashmir going back to 1850s.

Field trip focused on observing the key drivers of Dal Lake ecosystem and water quality degradation.

Mr. Sheikh Arshad, Dr. Rayees Ahmed and Professor Javed Mir pointed out the key drivers of Dal Lake water and ecosystem degradation and loss. Student/resource persons deliberated upon the trade-offs involved in balancing livelihoods of Dal dwellers (over 60,000); and local and national tourism and hospitality industry viz-a-viz Dal Lake ecosystem conservation and sustainability.