



BNV College of Teacher Education

Field Visit to Kuthiramalika



As part of the academic enrichment programme, the B.Ed. 2025–27 batch of BNV College of Teacher Education organized a historical visit to Kuthira Malika Palace on 26 August 2025. The visit was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Suni Kumari P. M. Vice Principal BNVCTE and Mrs. Anupama Chandran, Assistant Professor BNVCTE. The aim of the visit was to provide students with a better understanding of Kerala’s cultural heritage, historical monuments, and traditional architecture.

The students assembled at 9:00 AM near the famous Padmanabhaswamy Temple. Attendance was taken and necessary instructions were given by the teachers before starting the visit. After that, the group proceeded to Kuthira Malika Palace.

Kuthira Malika Palace, also known as Puthen Malika Palace, was built by the Travancore ruler Maharaja Swathi Thirunal Rama Varma. The palace is well known for its beautiful wooden architecture and the 122 carved wooden horses placed along the roof. Because of these carvings, the palace is called “Kuthira Malika,” which means “Mansion of Horses.”

During the visit, we observed the unique architectural features of the palace such as intricately carved wooden pillars, sloping tiled roofs, spacious courtyards, and detailed wooden carvings. The palace is mainly constructed using wood, stone, and lime, reflecting the traditional style of Kerala architecture.

The palace now functions as a museum that preserves many valuable artifacts of the Travancore royal family. The museum displays royal furniture, traditional lamps, sculptures, paintings, and musical instruments. One of the most interesting exhibits was the Musical Tree, which produces musical sounds when gently tapped.

The guided tour helped us understand the historical and cultural importance of the palace. It provided valuable insights into the lifestyle, art, and traditions of the Travancore period. The visit also helped students appreciate the importance of protecting and preserving historical monuments and cultural heritage.

The historical visit to Kuthira Malika Palace was an informative and memorable learning experience. It strengthened our understanding of Kerala’s history and architecture and made learning more practical and meaningful.



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