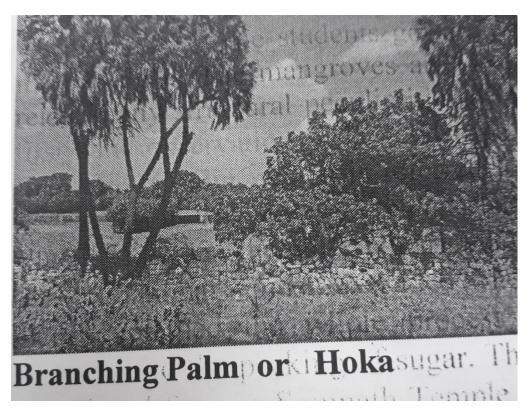
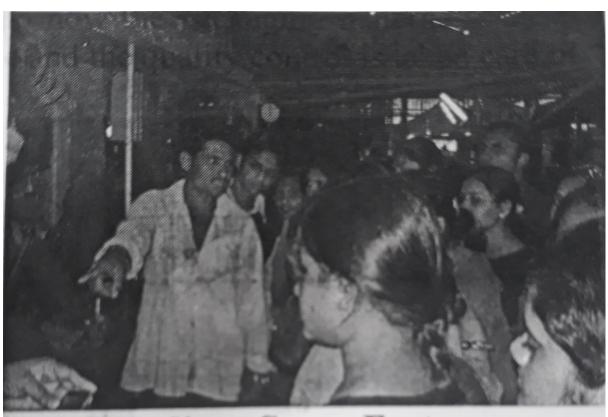
## **BOTANICAL EXCURSION TO DIU 2010**

The M Sc II students accompanied with the staff members of the Department visited Diu as part of the Botanical Excursion from 9<sup>th</sup> February to 11<sup>th</sup> February-2010. The, students got an oppgrtunity and collect different types of marine algae. The mangroves are very unique in many aspects and the students could relate many structural peculiarities of mangroves studied in class by making significant first hand observations. The landscape of Diu is dotted by the most unusual and unique Branching Palm, which is referred to as Hoka and is scientifically referred to as *Hyphaene thebaica*. The group visited the sugar factory - Shri Bileshwar Khand Udhyog Khedut Sahakari Mandali Limited, at Kodinar. The Managing Director, Shri Rajanbhai Vainsh extended whole hearted support and Shri Haribhai Chavda there explained the whole process of the manufacture of sugar starting from the sugarcane to the packing of sugar. The students also got an opportunity to visit the most sacred and famous Somnath Temple. The visit to Rani Sing Tel - the oil mill at Rajkot was also very informative. There not only did the students get the feel of what goes in to the extraction process of peanut oil; but also how the packaging material — the boxes, cans, tetra-pack bottles and pouches are made and the quality control is taken care of.





Marine Algae from Diu coast



Visit: Kodinar Sugar Factory



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