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DELHI

Commencing my journey at Safdarjung Station around 4:30 AM, we stowed our luggage upon the train's arrival. Our first stop was the Parliament House, a truly phenomenal experience. Witnessing the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha in the old Parliament, now named "Samvidhan Bhavan," was insightful. We also explored the new Parliament House.

Following that, we ventured to the majestic President's House, formerly the Viceroy House during British rule. Designed by Sir Lutyens and Sir Baker, it sprawls across 330 acres, boasting 340 rooms with a captivating blend of Indian and Western architectural styles. The visit provided a rich learning experience. Eventually, we returned to our train, concluding the journey.

Day – 2 AHMEDABAD

Day started with arrival of us at station in Ahmedabad after having lunch in train. After we arrived in our respective hotel rooms with some chaos, we were asked to rest for some time. In evening we went to Kankariya lake. The area was so beautiful, there we also interacted with different people from Ahmedabad. They were so welcoming and generous to us. We tried a very exciting ride which was a little dangerous too. Then we were taken to have our lunch at Vice President. Lunch was good. Then we also interacted with students of Jammu as well as Kashmir Universities.

On Next day, we got ready in our rooms in traditional. Firstly we had our breakfast at Vice President, according to my experience it was not that good. Then we were taken to Sabarmati Ashram, it was a truly enriching experience. The ashram, situated on the banks of the Sabarmati River, holds a serene charm that captivates visitors. Upon exploring the different parts of the ashram, I was immersed in the historical significance of the place. Mahatma Gandhi's living quarters, the museum showcasing his life and philosophy, and the prayer ground collectively contribute to an atmosphere of tranquility and reflection. One of the highlights of my visit was the breathtaking view of the Sabarmati River. The gentle flow of the river, coupled with the picturesque surroundings, created a scene of natural beauty that left a lasting impression. It was a moment of serenity and contemplation, offering a peaceful retreat from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. In conclusion, my time at Sabarmati Ashram was not only a journey into history but also a connection with the inherent tranquility of the Sabarmati River. It was once in a life experience. I was very thankful to be there. I saw Gandhi ji's living quarters, his wife's quarters, their home. The combination of historical significance and natural beauty makes this destination a must-visit, providing a unique blend of cultural and serene experiences. I loved my experience there.

MUMBAI

In Mumbai, we started our journey from Lokmanya Terminal. We were instructed to get ready in train only and were taken to naval dockyard. That experience was awesome. We were taught about the

structure of submarine. We had our opportunity to go into the submarine- INS Sindhuratna. The officers there instructed us about how this submarine was made. This was made in Russia and then given to India. We had our refreshments in INS Deepak. Then we were off to sightseeing in Mumbai. We were taken to Gateway of India. Architecture there was so beautiful. After some time we departed to eat dinner. It was long journey in bus, almost 5 hours to reach our destination for dinner. But sadly it was a long line for dinner and it was almost impossible to get our dinner. Our mentor instructed to come back to our bus as some of us were not feeling good. We then waited in that jungle for our bus driver to come back. We left for our hotels but we reached there at 3 am. We didn't have our dinner. We didn't get to sleep. Our next day plans were cancelled. Eventually, we hopped on the train, tired but with a bunch of wild stories from a trip that didn't quite go as planned. Even though we faced some tough times, we stuck together and became even stronger. Our plans for the next day changed, but the shared experience brought us closer. After a short break, we headed to the train, and the memories of that challenging night made our journey even more memorable.

*Mumbai Exploration and Naval Adventure *

Our Mumbai journey commenced at Lokmanya Terminal, setting the stage for an unforgettable experience. The adventure unfolded as we were guided to the naval dockyard, where we delved into the intricacies of submarine technology. The highlight was our exploration of INS Sindhuratna, a Russian-made submarine, with officers providing insightful details on its construction.

Refreshments awaited us at INS Deepak, offering a brief respite before venturing into Mumbai's vibrant sights. The iconic Gateway of India stood out with its captivating architecture, a testament to the city's rich history.

The evening took an unexpected turn during our lengthy bus journey to dinner. Despite the anticipation, a prolonged line dashed our hopes of a satisfying meal. The situation worsened as some felt unwell, prompting a decision to regroup in the bus.

Amidst the jungle backdrop, we patiently awaited our bus driver's return, reflecting on the challenges of the evening. By the time we reached our hotels at 3 am, hunger and fatigue had set in, and the plans for the next day were reluctantly canceled.

Undeterred, we embarked on the return journey by train, tired but united by the shared trials of the night. Despite the unexpected twists, our camaraderie strengthened, turning a challenging night into a series of wild stories that added a unique layer to our Mumbai exploration. The altered plans for the following day only served to deepen the bonds forged during our resilient adventure.

KARNATAKA > GOA

Our day began at the Madgao station, where we arrived at 7 in the morning. The agenda for the day was a journey to the Naval dockyard in Karnataka, promising a mix of learning and leisure. This report details our experiences from the informative sessions with officials to the sandy shores of the beach and the fascinating visit to INS Makar and INS Swarna.

Morning Activities: Upon arrival, we were instructed to get ready on the train and were served breakfast onboard. The atmosphere buzzed with anticipation as we embarked on our journey to the Naval dockyard. The scenic landscapes outside the train window set the tone for an exciting day ahead.

Naval Dockyard Visit: Arriving at the dockyard, we engaged with various officials, posing numerous questions to deepen our understanding. The camaraderie within the group was evident, culminating in a group picture capturing the collective enthusiasm. Subsequently, we were directed to the beach for lunch and some leisure time.

Beachside Experience: Lunch by the beach was a delightful affair, accompanied by the challenge of coping with the humid weather. Undeterred, we immersed ourselves in the joy of the seaside, capturing memories through photos and videos. The collection of seashells became a cherished souvenir of our time by the ocean. Despite the inevitable messiness from sand and water, the sheer enjoyment overshadowed any inconvenience.

Dockyard Exploration: Following the beach escapade, our next stop was the dockyard itself. The guided tour included visits to INS Makar and INS Swarna, where detailed explanations of ship architecture unfolded. The insights gained into naval operations and vessel design left a lasting impression.

Fatigue and Transit: As the day progressed, fatigue set in, making every step a challenge. The exhaustion became particularly evident during the walk to the hotel, which was located at a considerable distance. The accommodation provided a comfortable respite, though the monotony in the food offered was noted.

Conclusion: In conclusion, our day in Karnataka was a perfect blend of education and recreation. The Naval dockyard visit provided valuable insights into maritime operations, while the beachside interlude allowed for relaxation and fun. Despite the weariness towards the end, the overall experience was enriching, leaving us with lasting memories of a day well spent in exploration and adventure.

Next day

Waking up early in the morning in Goa, I headed to Calangute Beach. Spent some time shopping and then returned to the hotel for a breakfast of bread and butter. We snapped some photos with everyone before heading to INAS. A woman officer there shared her Navy experiences, motivating us to chase our dreams. She and all the officers we met were really nice. After that, we visited a Shipyard to see how ships are made, though we didn't stay for long. Finally, we boarded the train back to Bangalore.

BANGALORE

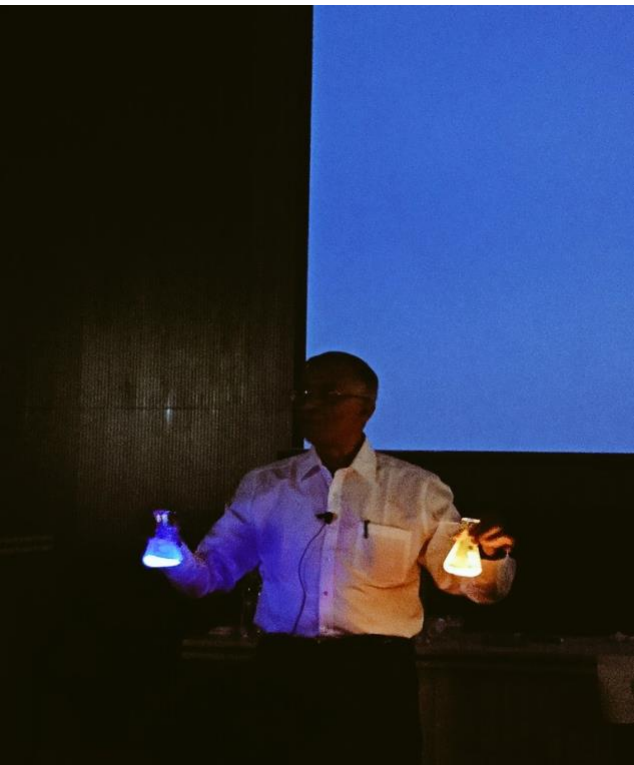
****Title: A Journey Through Bangalore: Exploring Science and Local Delights****

****Introduction:****

Upon arriving in Bangalore via train, our group embarked on a unique adventure, splitting into two to explore the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IISC). I was part of the IISC visit, and our journey began with a picturesque bus ride through the scorching Bangalore morning.

****IISC Bangalore Experience:****

The lengthy bus journey to IIHC was filled with scenic views of coconut trees laden with ripe coconuts. The campus greeted us with stunning buildings and a warm atmosphere. In the chemistry department,



the professor treated us to a captivating display of colorful experiments, including nitrogen balloons, making the subject come alive even for humanities students.

****Lab Exploration:****

Following the engaging demonstrations, we had the privilege of touring labs, witnessing various instruments, and gaining insights into scientific processes. The visit not only broadened our understanding of chemistry but also sparked newfound interest and appreciation.

****Snacks and Socializing:****

Tea, coffee, and biscuits were served during a relaxing break, offering a chance to mingle with peers and mentors. The camaraderie was further cemented through spontaneous photo sessions, capturing memories amidst the vibrant surroundings.

****Return Journey and Hotel Arrival:****

The return journey, though tiring, had an air of anticipation as we eagerly awaited the comfort of our hotel. Upon reaching the beautiful hotel, we were pleasantly surprised by the cleanliness of our rooms. Dinner was organized within the hotel premises, but the allure of local Bangalore cuisine beckoned.

****Local Culinary Adventure:****

Venturing into the nearby market, my friends and I indulged in delicious dosas at a mall. The authentic flavors left us delighted, and our exploration continued as we strolled through the market, eventually leading to the discovery of a beautiful kurti that I couldn't resist buying.

****Evening Fun and Anticipation for ISRO:****

Back at the hotel, moments of laughter and camaraderie filled the evening, providing a welcome respite before an anticipated visit to ISRO the next day. As we retired for the night, the excitement for the upcoming exploration of space research facilities lingered, promising another day of adventure.

****Conclusion:****

The day in Bangalore unfolded as a perfect blend of scientific discovery, cultural exploration, and culinary delights, leaving us eager for more experiences in this vibrant city.

****Title: A Fascinating Exploration of ISRO: Blending Science, Technology, and Inspiration****

****Introduction:****

The second day of our Bangalore expedition dawned with anticipation as we geared up for the highlight of our journey – a visit to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). The excitement had been building since the inception of our trip, and the prospect of witnessing space exploration up close was truly exhilarating.

****Morning Preparations:****

Waking up in our hotel rooms, we eagerly readied ourselves for the day ahead. Clad in formals, we indulged in a modest breakfast comprising juice, bread and butter, and poha. Our enthusiasm was palpable as we waited for our buses, although a slight delay added to the suspense.

****Journey to ISRO:****

The road to ISRO proved lengthy, but our collective eagerness sustained us. Upon reaching the ISRO gate, we underwent security protocols, surrendering our electronic devices for scanning. After a brief walk through the campus, we entered a building where a delightful spread awaited us, featuring a delectable cake, chips, paperboard, and chai.

****Informative Session with Scientists:****

As we relished our snacks, the day took an educational turn with two scientists elucidating the intricacies of ISRO's operations. From the mechanics of Chandrayaan-3 to insights into their mission executions, we absorbed a wealth of information. Despite the fatigue setting in, the engaging session left us inspired and enriched.

****Exploration of ISRO Centres:****

Following the informative discourse, we were divided into three groups and guided through different centres within ISRO. Each centre provided a unique perspective, offering a glimpse into the multifaceted aspects of space research and technology.

****Memorabilia from ISRO:****

A highlight of our visit was the generous gesture of receiving stickers and a key ring from ISRO. The mementos served as cherished reminders of our incredible journey into the heart of India's space exploration hub.

****Exhaustion and Return Journey:****

While the day was marked by fatigue, the wealth of information and the scenic surroundings compensated for the weariness. Unfortunately, the strict no-photography policy at ISRO restricted our ability to capture the memorable moments.

****Conclusion:****

As we boarded our trains to depart from Bangalore, the echoes of our ISRO visit lingered in our minds. The day had been a blend of exhaustion, knowledge, and awe-inspiring experiences, cementing Bangalore as a city that seamlessly combines scientific prowess with natural beauty. Our journey may have concluded, but the memories of ISRO's grandeur will endure, motivating us to explore new horizons and continue the pursuit of knowledge.

****Title: A Journey of Exploration and Reflection: College on Wheels with Jammu and Kashmir Government****

****Introduction:****

The concluding leg of our College on Wheels journey unfolded as we reached Nagpur railway station at the early hour of 4 o'clock. Fatigue and reluctance accompanied our abrupt awakening, knowing that we had to leave the comfort of our train seats to venture into the heart of Vardha to visit Mahatma Gandhi's Sevagram Ashram.

****Arrival in Nagpur and Hotel Stay:****

Upon reaching Nagpur, a brief freshening up was all the respite we could afford before boarding buses for a short 10-minute journey to our hotel. Though not as opulent as our previous accommodations, the hotel served its purpose as a temporary haven. The predawn arrival left us yearning for more sleep, and we seized the opportunity for a quick nap.

****Visit to Sevagram Ashram:****

The day commenced with donning formal attire in reverence to the ashram. A hasty breakfast at the hotel preceded our journey to Sevagram Ashram, led by a substitute mentor who added sweetness to our experience. Despite battling fatigue from the overnight train journey, we found solace in her company.

****Exploration of Sevagram Ashram:****

Sevagram Ashram, unlike Savarmati, emanated a unique charm, preserving the essence of its historical significance. Kutiya after kutiya, including those for Ba and Gandhiji, adorned the landscape. The natural beauty, a school for children, and various shops enriched our visit. A bookshop and khadi store provided avenues for meaningful mementos.

****Photography and School Visit:****

Captivated by the serene environment, I indulged in photography, capturing the aesthetics of the ashram and its kutiyas. A visit to the small school brought nostalgic reflections of my own school days as I observed the lively activities of the children.

****Culinary Delight and Maharashtrian Thali:****

Discovering a renowned eatery opposite the ashram, I relished a delectable Maharashtrian thali featuring zunkha, bakar, curry, and thecha. The flavors resonated, offering a memorable culinary experience. The adjacent khadi shop became the source of a meaningful keepsake to commemorate my journey.

****Return Journey and Nagpur Oranges:****

After a brief respite, we resumed our journey with oranges in hand, a delightful gift from Nagpur. The journey back to Nagpur station was marked by intermittent naps, as fatigue lingered from our eventful exploration of Sevagram Ashram.

****Conclusion and Gratitude:****

As our train left Nagpur, I reflected on the myriad experiences, acknowledging the minor challenges and savoring the sweetness of the journey. Dancing, playing, and connecting with people from diverse regions enriched our collective experience. The mentors, volunteers, and fellow travelers contributed to the warmth of the journey. I express sincere gratitude to the Jammu and Kashmir government for this unique opportunity – a journey that transcended physical locations, fostering understanding, and appreciation for the diverse tapestry of our nation. Thank you for a memorable College on Wheels adventure.