

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Report on Educational Tour of the Department of Human Development: Amritsar and Chandigarh

An Educational Tour was organized by the Department of Human Development for TY, MSc 1 and MSc 2 students to Amritsar and Chandigarh from 1st March 2024 to 7th March 2024. In all there were 35 students accompanied by 2 teachers, Ms.Rhonda Divecha and Ms.Khyati Sampat who went for the visit. During the visit, we went to different centers related to the field of Human Development and to a few tourist spots too.

Visit to Bhavan's Aashray - an old age home for the privileged

Organized by students from various programs, the day was filled with engaging activities for the elderly residents. From a lively singing game to creative tasks like designing clothes from newspapers, the residents and students alike enjoyed every moment. The atmosphere was one of joy as everyone actively participated and bonded over the activities. The program concluded with dancing and expressions of gratitude exchanged between the residents and students. Overall, it was a memorable and enjoyable visit, leaving behind fond memories for all involved.



Visit to Yuvsatta

Since 1990, Yuvsatta-an NGO has been working in a variety of areas to steer the young people towards implementing Gandhian ideals of Constructive Programme based on voluntary effort and individual & community action. The sir gave a brief information about the organization and how it works. And also information about the city of Chandigarh. After that we all went to see the masjid and clicked photos. This organization celebrates international women's day in each school by telling girls to wear pink turban on that day. They have done many events with other countries as well.



Visit to Sankalp – NGO serving the underprivileged children

There was a small classroom with around 15 students (age 4-8 years). The teacher was preparing these underprivileged children for school, teaching them basics of literacy and numeracy to enable them to enter grade 1st or 2nd. The children study for a few months in a mixed age classroom and enter formal schooling with ease. The children beautifully sang a poem for us and the teacher explained their everyday routine.



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Visit to Meher Foundation Rehab Center, Chandigarh

Meher Foundation is a rehabilitation center for drug and alcohol addicts. The center was well developed with good infrastructure and equipment. We got a very good chance to hear the struggles and the journey of drug addicts. The founder of this center, Mr. Abhishek, was an addict himself and was in recovery. The only criteria to get into this center for any addict was the willingness to change. They charge some amount from the people coming from privileged families and even offer free of cost services to people who cannot afford. It was a very insightful experience.

Tourist Attractions:

On our first day, we visited Amritsar, and it was a memorable experience for us as we saw the city for the first time. Our first stop was the Wagah Border, where we watched the Retreat Ceremony. Afterwards, we proceeded to our next destination, the Golden Temple. After entering the temple we were filled with spiritual vibes by the warmth, comfort, and the captivating



sight of its reflection in the holy water (Amrit sarovar). On the second day, we visited Jallianwala Bagh. It was a deeply touching experience to read the stories of bravery and sacrifice. It also has a Martyr Memorial in Jallianwala Bagh. After reaching Chandigarh, we visited the Rose Garden. On the third day, we explored the famous Rock Garden, renowned for its intricate sculptures crafted from rocks. From human figures to animals, every creation was surrounded by rocks, showcasing the creativity. It was truly a memorable experience witnessing the unique artistry of the rock formations.



We are very grateful to the Department of Human Development for organizing this experience for us.

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