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Report of Exposure Tour/National Tour to Jammu/Punjab/Chandigarh

Day-1 (15th of February, 2023)

Govt. College of Education, IASE, M. A. Road, Srinagar organised an Exposure Tour/ National Tour to Jammu/ Punjab/ Chandigarh for the students under the Initiative of **India's Presidency of the G-20**. Keeping in view theme of G-20 of this year, i.e. **ONE EARTH – ONE FAMILY – ONE FUTURE**, the said programme was organised with the objective to promote cultural exchange/integration on one hand and to make students enlightened with the educational, historical, and geographical places of the country. For this tour, 13 students and 4 faculty members started their journey from Govt. College of Education, IASE, Srinagar on 15th February, 2023 at 08:30 am and the programme was flagged off by worthy Principal of the College, Prof. (Dr.) Seema Naz. The tour party is scheduled to visit different Universities and Colleges and some places of Historical and Geographical importance.

At 09:00am, the tour party reached Pampore Karewas and the students were enlightened with the Lacustrine Deposits favourable for the cultivation of Saffron. During journey along Srinagar-Jammu National Highway, the students under the mentorship of Prof. Aijaz Ahmad Dar got insights about Himalayan Mountains, their origin, characteristic's and their geographical importance in the economic development of the country. The tour party reached the Jammu destination in the late evening due to intermittent falling of shooting stones and the subsequent traffic mess along the National Highway. It was great learning experience for both the students and the staff.

On Day-2 (16.02.2023), the tour party attended the Two Day International Workshop on **"Innovations in Research Methodology and Quality Concerns in Pedagogical Studies- NEP-2020"** which was organised by Govt. College of Education, Jammu.

During this event, Govt. College of Education, IASE, Srinagar and Govt. College of Education, Jammu signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** to promote Academic, Teaching, Training, and Research Co-operation between the two institutions. The MoU was signed in presence of Prof. (Dr.) Yasmeen Ashai, Director Colleges, Higher Education Department, J&K, and other dignitaries of Cluster University Jammu and University of Jammu. The students later visited all the Labs of Govt. College of Education, Jammu and interacted with the students of the host college about Pedagogy being practised in the Internship component of Teacher Education Programme. Subsequently the tour party visited different departments of University of Jammu including Museum and Art Gallery depicting rich Cultural Heritage of Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh. Pertinently, Prof. Prakash Chand Antahal, Dean Students Welfare of Jammu University placed on record huge appreciation towards College Administration for organising this event.



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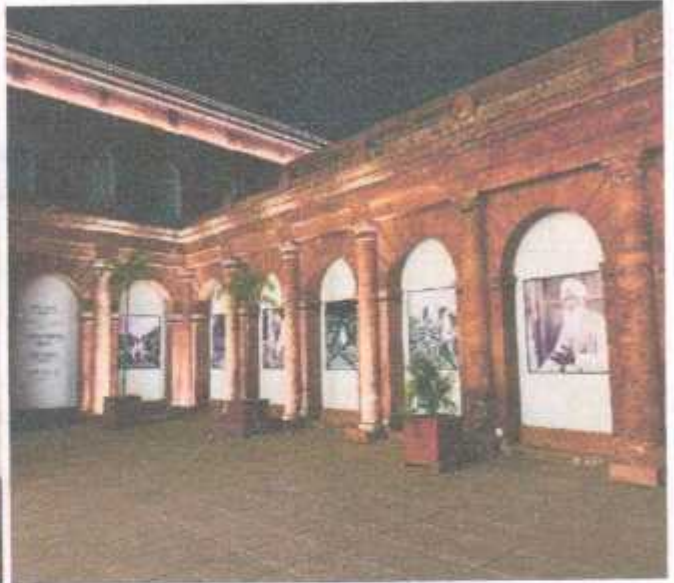
Day-3 (17th of February, 2023)

On day 03 of the Exposure Tour which is organized by the Govt. College of Education, IASE Srinagar under the initiative of India's Presidency of G20, the tour party started their journey from Jammu accommodation towards Amritsar, Punjab. During their journey, the students and the staff members observed fertile lands of Punjab which assumes an important position in the agriculture development of the country. After reaching Amritsar destination, the tour party visited the following places of historical and religious importance:

1. **Partition Museum:** Located in the town hall of Amritsar, the partition museum was observed as the central repository of stories, materials, and documents related to the partition, freedom struggle, miseries of people, and the associated events. Photography inside the museum is restricted by the museum administration.
2. **Jallianwala Bagh:** The tour party attended a laser function in this historical garden depicting the memory of Jallianwala Bagh Massacre that took place on the festival of Baisakhi, 13 April 1919. A large number of people attended this function in the evening time.
3. **Golden Temple:** The tour party also visited Golden Temple which is an open house of worship for Sikhs and also reflects a very rich architectural practices.

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Day-4 (18th of February, 2023)

On day 04 of the Exposure Tour which is organized by the Govt. College of Education, IASE Srinagar under the initiative of India's Presidency of G20, the tour party started their journey from Amritsar accommodation towards Wagah Border, Punjab.

Wagah Border is the International Border separating India from Pakistan in Amritsar. This Border is important from the perspective of History and the splendid Military Ceremony that takes place every day and attracts a large number of tourists. During today's function, soldiers from both India and Pakistan Military met at this point to engage in one hour display of Military camaraderie and showmanship. This ceremony also included closing of the International gates and lowering the flags of both the countries. The flag ceremony was conducted by Indian Border Security Force and Pakistan Rangers.

A number of patriotic songs and Cultural shows were displayed by the people across the border which reflects love for the nation among both the countries. The ceremony was attended by thousands of people including students of different Educational Institutions.

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Day 5 and 6 (19th-20th of February, 2023)

On day 05 of the Exposure Tour which is organized by the Govt. College of Education, IASE Srinagar under the initiative of India's Presidency of G20, the tour party started their journey from Amritsar accommodation towards Chandigarh. The tour party reached Chandigarh at 05:00 PM. After taking accommodation in Sector 22A, the students along with the escorting staff went to attend the evening Rose Mella in Rose Garden of Chandigarh. This is the Asia's largest Rose Garden and spreads over an area of 40.25 acres. It is a very beautiful garden which accommodates 40,000 plants representing 825 varieties of roses. Thousands of people were seen enjoying different cultural programmes and diverse food items in this Mella.

Day-06 (20th February, 2023)

On Day-06, the tour party visited the following places:

1. **Rock Garden:** The Rock Garden is a sculpture garden for rock enthusiasts in Chandigarh. It is also known as Nek Chand Saini's Rock Garden of Nathupur after its founder Nek Chand Saini, a government official who started building the garden secretly in his spare time in 1957. It has spread over an area of 40 acres and is completely built from industrial, home waste, and discarded items.
2. **Sukhna Lake:** This beautiful lake is located in the foothills of Himalyas called Shivaliks. After exploration of this lake by the tour party, it was found that this 3 km² rain-fed lake was created in 1958 by damming the Sukhna Choe, a seasonal stream coming down from the Shivalik Hills. Originally, the seasonal flow enters the lake directly causing heavy siltation.

3. **Chandigarh Bird Park:** The Department of Forest & Wildlife, UT Chandigarh has developed Chandigarh Bird Park at Nagar Van behind Sukhna Lake. After visiting this park, it was observed that the park was setup by the Government of Chandigarh to create awareness among general public towards bird conservation especially the young minds on nature education and conservation.



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Day 7, 8 and 9 (21st -23rd of February, 2023)

On day 07 of the Exposure Tour which is organized by the Govt. College of Education, IASE Srinagar under the initiative of **India's Presidency of G20**, the tour party started their return journey from **Chandigarh towards Jammu**. The tour party started their journey from Chandigarh at 09: 00 AM and immediately after leaving the city, the students got insight that Chandigarh is a very clean and beautiful city. A discussion started in the bus regarding the Chandigarh city and all the students unanimously made it a point that Chandigarh is a mesmerizing city with planned architecture, greenery and cleanliness. The students recalled the precious moments they spent in the Rose Garden, Rock Garden, Sukhna Lake, Bird Park, and the city market, etc. On reaching Kishanganj near Jalandar, the tour party had lunch on the highway and some students also interacted with the farmers who were working in the fertile plains of Punjab. During interaction, the students understood the processing of sugarcane and the associated activities. The tour party reached Jammu destination around 07: 00 PM.

Day-08 (22nd February, 2023):

On day 08 of the exposure tour, the students and the escorting staff visited Bahu Fort of Jammu. During this visit, the students observed that it is a historic fort which is located on the high plateau land overlooking the Tawi River on its rocky left bank. While exploring the history of Bahu Fort, it was revealed that this ancient fort is believed to have been constructed by Bahu Lochan-brother of the traditional founder of Jammu, Jambu Lochan. It was also explored that the first renovation of this fort was undertaken during Dogra rule in 18th century. This fort is a religious place and a temple dedicated to the Hindu goddess Kali was also seen there. It was also observed that this fort is surrounded by the forest area and has developed into a well laid out park called Bagh-e-Bahu. From Bagh-e-Bahu, the students saw a commanding view of Jammu city.

In the evening time, all the students assembled in a room and expressed feedback regarding the exposure tour. All the students were found happy and highly satisfied with the college administration and the tour committee for organising this tour in a planned manner.

Day-09 (23rd February, 2023):

On day 09 of the exposure tour, the tour party started their return journey from the Jammu destination at 06:00 AM morning and reported back in the college at 04: 40 PM. During the travel, the tour party explored the vulnerability of Jammu-Srinagar National Highway (NH 44) in terms of fragile lithology of Himalayan Mountain system. Two highly vulnerable landslide sites along the highway were identified where horrific landslides took place two days ago, i.e., Sherbibi near Banihal and Cafeteria sight near Ramban. It was observed that the unconsolidated rock structures in the Pir Panjal Range along with the wet weather are the two major factors responsible for frequent landslides/avalanches and the subsequent Highway blockade.

Indeed, it was a great learning experience for all the participants who were the part of this exploration. The tour party explored different educational institutions, different cultures, heritage sites, places, people and the cities having historical, geographical, cultural, educational, and religious importance.

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