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Thursday

## TRAVELOGUE

### (MY LIFE IN RAJASTHAN)

As part of the one year migration plan of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, From 9<sup>th</sup> class a group of students will migrate to another navodaya and vice versa. From our school (JNV Palakkad) we are migrating to Jhalawar Navodaya, Rajasthan. On the basis of the migration plan from our school in the year of 2019-20, 20 students of 9<sup>th</sup> class got migrated to JNV Jhalawar. There we enjoyed, learnt, experienced many good moments of our Navodayan life. We started our journey from JNV Palakkad at June 29 by train & reached JNV Jhalawar at 1<sup>st</sup> July. From this day onwards, we started to experience an entire difference on our lifestyle as we have to change according to the situation to get adjusted to them. We suffered a lot to get adjusted to our surroundings, but, our teachers and friends were really supportive. As we were really suffering to express what we want as we don't speak hindi well and our food style too were different from them, thus we faced a lot <sup>of</sup> difficulties ~~but~~ in first few weeks, but these difficulties helped us to learn that difficulties are another phase of life which will help us to be strong to fight our problems. As India have a diverse culture, we also had a chance ~~to~~ have a glance at a very different culture which had wide varieties of festivals, local lang uages etc. Mainly The students in the JNV ~~speak~~ mainly speak three types of languages malwi, hadothi and hindi. We had also actively took part in many activities which was held inside our school. Our friends too were really helpful. They helped us in our studies, cleared our doubts, helped to complete our of assessments on time. Rajasthani festivals too were awesome. Some festivals were bright with decorated lights and crackers and some were colourful with colours. Out of these festivals, I love dussehra which was celebrated by burning the statue of demon and we also took part in garba dance.

which was held in-connection with dusshera. We took part in many cultural activities held inside our school like TAT competition, speech, Essay writing, Assemblies, dances and we also celebrated our regional festival "onam" with the students there with their cooperation. Their dressing styles too were different. We don't recognise the name of the dress, but, we had seen people in a very different dresses which we had not seen in our region and we were really amazed that they wear their traditional dresses even now as people nowadays refuse to wear traditional dresses. We went to Udaipur as part of our excursion and we saw the city palace, Lake Pichola - a monumental complex of 11 palaces, courtyards and gardens, Saheliyon ki Bari, Fateh Sagar lake etc. North India is famous for street food and we are really lucky that we had also got many chances to taste them when we go to market for our purchases. The folk arts were really interesting which they performed with pomp & vigour. The folk arts show the rich tradition of Rajasthani culture, with many dance & music styles. There are dinner shows which had dance shows like Ghoomar in which women wear flowing skirts and twirl at dizzying speed. We had completed this one year happily with a great knowledge of Rajasthani culture, traditions, festivals, food styles, marriage functions and their language which we know to speak now. In my opinion, I had spent a really amazing time of my life in JNV Bhalwar where I experienced and learnt many valuable and interesting lessons which I should carry with me in my life and should implement in my life and should give advice to my kith and kin too. We returned from JNV Bhalwar on 23 March 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. I extend my hearty thanks to our school principal, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti and my teachers for providing us this good opportunity to stay and experience a different atmosphere.

I further thank all my friends who supported us to have a sound and safe stay and all my batch mates who supported all of us who went to Rajasthan with their love and care. I learnt that "difficult roads often lead to beautiful destinations."

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