

Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat

State Pairing: Odisha- Maharashtra

HEI Pairing: GITA Bhubaneswar-

College of Engineering Pune

Bhubaneswar 14-19 Feb 2020: The GITA Bhubaneswar & College of Engineering Pune paired up as per the guidance circulated by AICTE. It was planned to have the exchange programme as follows: -

COEP will organize the visit of student contingent with two teachers guide to GITA Bhubaneswar from 14 to 19 February 2020. The visit was meticulously planned and the team of students who were finalized for visit to COEP from GITA Bhubaneswar were entrusted and supported to facilitate hosting the Pune students. On 14 Feb'20 after a hearty welcome at the railway station at around 18:00hrs the guests numbering 25 with 12 Boys & 13 Girls and three teachers were brought to the campus where senior faculty members greeted them. The guests were appropriately housed and special arrangements were done for their boarding. The day wise activities organised for the Pune students and teachers are listed here below:

15 Feb'20- A interaction and familiarization session was conducted from 9:00hrs to 13:00 hrs where in the cultural history of Odisha its language, customs, Cuisines, Festivals, Dances, Nature etc. were introduced to the guests.



In the interaction session were led by Prof. N.P.Patro, Director-EDP&IIPC, wherein Prof. (Dr.) M.K.Roul Principal, Prof. S K Panigrahi, COA, Prof. (Dr.) K.K Mishra, Dean Academics, Prof.(Dr.) B.P.Mishra, Dean R&D, Prof. (Dr.) S. C. Mohapatra, Vice Principal addressed the CoEP visitors. The presentation of Odisha & Odia was made by Prof. Sakti Mahanty.



At 15:00hrs they visited the GITA Library & GITA Theatre and thereafter they visited the Bhubaneswar Market Complex and the Adivasi Mela organised by Govt. of India.



The students and the teacher guides and student coordinators of GITA spent around four hours in the mela and market complex and visualised the local products of the state from various locations across Odisha. They were also shown the Assembly & State secretariate during this visit.



The guests took great interest in the products and bought certain samples as sovereign to carry to Pune.

16 Feb'20 –The team, after breakfast started their next tour to the historic Dhauli Sthupa, they were explained about the history as to how the Magadha Emperor Ashoka transformed from Chandashok to Dharmashok after the infamous Kalinga War. They spent about 2 hours at Dhauli Sthupa.



After Dhauli Sthupa they proceeded towards Konark. The visitors mesmerized seeing the 13 century Sun Temple dedicated to Hindu God Surya, the remnants of the 200 feet Rock Chariot, its immense wheels and the horses pulling it; all carved out of stone. The survived structures and the elements of intricate artwork captivated the guests till they were almost forced to leave the premises. The full temple which was named as Black Pagoda by the European Sailors in their reports as early as 1676, had scientific significance.





17 Feb'20- Visits started at 08:00 AM to the World famous Lingraj temple one of the oldest temples in Bhubaneswar. The temple was built starting from 615 CE till 1104 CE. COEP team visited the Lingraj temple famous for Lord Shiva and seen its beauty and architecture. The city of Bhubaneswar is also called Ekamra Khetra based on the origin of the Lingaraj Temple.



After visit of the temple they visited the Kandagiri and Udaygiri Caves which were well maintained natural as well as artificial caves built during 1st century BCE. They were used by the Jain monks & ascetics during the reign of King Kharavel. They still have the inscriptions giving a glimpse of ancient history. Some of them are double storied. These ancient caves were excavated by King Kharavel. The visitors stayed upto 13:30 hrs in these caves and returned back to campus for lunch.

After visit to Konark, the lunch was served to them with pure Odia delicacies and desserts which even though unfamiliar to their taste buds but they took keen interest in tasting them and discussed them during their stay in Odisha.



The journey from Konark to Puri on the marine drive overseeing the beauty of Mahadadhi has captivated the Marathi visitors. At Puri Jagannath Dham the visitors were led to the Temple following the essential rituals. They witnessed the immense faith and *Bhakti* of people. They saw how a large crowd entering the 22 steps could simultaneously offer prayer to the three sibling deities.

Tourist guides helped students all through to learn about the history of these beautiful and world famous monuments. The whole day was a overwhelming recipe to the visiting team to know much about the odisha & its culture.



After having lunch and getting fresh, at 15:30hrs cultural programme was arranged where both the paired college students took part and showcased their culture of their states. Students from GITA Performed Sambalpuri Dance, Odissi Dance and blend of several folk songs as well as vocal performances. They staged a Drama written, directed and acted by themselves which represented a kaleidoscope of the odisha culture and tradition.

The CoEP students performed Lavani and other mesmerising forms of dance representing their culture and tradition. The theme of this session was to understand, visualise and enjoy each others culture.



18 Feb'20- Half Day visit to one of the oldest Zoo in India the Nanadanakanan from 8:30hrs to 14:00hrs marked the balance of the touring spree of the CoEP visitors.



The beautiful collection of flora & fauna and pleasant weather gave the visitor one of the memorable time during their stay in Odisha. They interacted with local peoples and learnt the varied and rich culture of the state which was one of the first to be declared state in 1936.

At 16:00hrs E-Week & Food-Fest was organized in the campus. Where several stalls of food and games were put-up by students. The students prepared the dishes and presented fresh to the customer students and teachers and showed their business acumen in a E-Week competition. The whole CoEP team enjoyed a lot and also actively participated in it. A Flash mob was also arranged in the event so as to make it more memorable.



19 Feb'20- Quiz and Debate session started from 9:30hrs to 12:00hrs where a quiz was conducted on Odisha, Maharashtra & India. Ms. Mansi scored the highest. The CoEP students also presented an elocution training session which was well appreciated by the house.

A feedback session was conducted in which the visiting students and faculties shared their experiences and provided honest feedback. Each of the visiting students were presented with Certificates to commemorate the first ever Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat campaign by these two paired Institutions. The CoEP students were given a warm sent off at 14:00 hrs. from campus and student coordinators accompanied them till their boarding.

