

REPORT ON STUDENTS CULTURAL EXCHANGE TOUR TO JAMSHEDPUR, JHARKHAND UNDER AKAM-EBSB

All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) and Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat (EBSB) organized student cultural exchange tour to Jamshedpur, Jharkhand. The purpose of this tour was to make students aware about India's diverse culture and heritage by pairing two states together. The state of Goa was paired with state of Jharkhand. Goa College of Engineering was selected as nodal institution for the state of Goa and Jamshedpur Womens University was nodal institution for state of Jharkhand for successful conduct of this program. Under this 25 students (13 boys and 12 girls) from Goa College of Engineering and 25 students from various schools in Goa were selected to visit the paired state Jharkhand. The students were accompanied by Asst. Prof. Madhuraj Naik and Mrs. Shivani Gadkari from Goa College of Engineering. The school students were accompanied Mrs. Archana Hudekar and Mr. Vallabh Barve.

The tour commenced on 3rd December 2022 from Madgaon railway station with a flagging off ceremony in the distinguished presence of Hon. Speaker of Goa Legislative Assembly, Shri. Ramesh Tawadkar. Also present for the flagging off ceremony were Dr. R.B. Lohani, Principal, Goa College of Engineering, Nodal Officers for AKAM-EBSB from Goa College of Engineering Dr. Sonali Pandit and Prof. Sonia Kuwelkar along with Heads of various Departments of Goa College of Engineering and Railway Officials.



Figure 1 Flagging off ceremony

The group arrived at Tatanagar station, Jamshedpur at approximately 11.00 am on 5th December 2022. The group was welcomed by Dr. Sweta Prasad, Dr. Kistwar Ara and Prof. Keya Bannerjee from Jamshedpur Women's University. CISF and RAF units were arranged for our security.



Figure 2 Arrival at Tatanagar Station

On arrival to Jamshedpur Women's University, girl students were placed in Girls hostel along with lady staff accompanying them. Boy students and male faculty were placed in Tribal Culture Centre inside Tata colony. An inaugural session was held by Jamshedpur Womens University at 4:00 pm which involved welcoming our group and few folk dances of Jharkhand.



Figure 3 Innaugural ceremony

On day 2 i.e. 6th December the group was taken to National Metallurgical Laboratory, Jamshedpur where students were introduced to various technologies and equipment like Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM), X-Ray Diffractometer (XRD), e-waste disposal, library and workshop. Lunch was provided to us in canteen. After lunch students were taken Tata Zoological Park to see various species of animals native to Jharkhand. Last visit of the day was to JRD Tata sports complex where students interacted with eminent sports personalities and were shown various facilities which are made available to sportspersons.



Figure 4 National Metallurgical Laboratory

On day 3 i.e. 7th December the group was taken to Dalma wildlife sanctuary to see various native species of Jharkhand. Lunch was served in premises. Later in evening around 4 pm students of Goa performed folk dances like Kunbi dance and Dekhni and Goan folk songs which enthralled the audience. The programme saw active participation from all students.

On day 4 i.e. 8th December the group was taken to Dimna lake. Here lot of recreational activities including rafting were done till 2:00 pm after which lunch was served in premises. Later the group was taken back to Jamshedpur Women's University campus for Jharkhand food festival where many of local cuisine and food items were served to us.



Figure 5 Local cuisine of Jharkhand

Later around 4:00 pm the group was bifurcated into GEC and school students group. GEC group was taken to Tata Steel Plant Jamshedpur and school students were taken to Jubilee park. Tata Steel visit involved seeing various components of the plant and learning about various processes in production of steel in bus. After the visit concluded the group was taken to handicrafts shop to purchase art and culture items unique to Jharkhand. The day concluded after dinner at 9:00 pm.



Figure 6 GEC group at Tata Steel and RUSI Modi center of excellence

On day 5 i.e. 9th December the group was taken to Russi Modi center of excellence to show the rich history and heritage of Jamshedpur city.

Later in the evening around 3:00 pm a closing ceremony was held to mark the conclusion of visit. At around 6:00 pm the group left from Tatanagar station. The group reached Goa safely at 7:30 pm on 11th December 2022 to be welcomed by Dr. Sonali Pandit and Prof. Sonia Kuwelkar. Overall, the tour was very a good experience for the students and faculty members accompanying them as lot of knowledge could be gained about the culture and heritage of Jharkhand and also the industrial city of Jamshedpur which is also known as steel city of India.



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