

Yuva Sangam Report

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Nodal Institute- Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar

Students from- Various districts of Assam

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Brief Overview

Yuva Sangam is an initiative of the Government of India with collaboration from the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Culture to strengthen people-to-people connections, especially between youth belonging to North Eastern India and other states. The Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Yuva Sangam is geared towards facilitating exchange programs between young individuals from the eight North Eastern states and other parts of India. These programs will provide participants with a firsthand experience of various aspects of life, including development landmarks, recent achievements, and youth engagement in the host state. Additionally, the youth will have the opportunity to explore different dimensions of the host state under five broad categories: Tourism, Traditions, Development, Technology, and People-to-People Interaction.

Day 1- Arrival of Assam cohort and local sightseeing

The students from Assam reached Kalupur railway station at 8.45 am on 24.02.23. A few students and staff from IIT Gandhinagar went to receive them at the station with a warm and traditional welcome. Dhol and aarti with garlands were arranged to welcome the students at the station. We then boarded the bus to reach IIT Gandhinagar, where their registration was facilitated, and they were provided with Welcome Kits.

Students were next taken for their orientation, followed by a meeting with the Director and a welcome address by Padma Shri Uncle Moosa, which was then followed by lunch.

Later in the evening, students were taken for local sightseeing to Akshardham temple and Indroda Park. We arrived back at the campus for dinner, and they interacted with the Dean of Student Affairs, the Dean of R&D, and the student council.



Day 2- Amul Factory at Anand and Muniseva Ashram at Goraj

On 25.02.23 morning we left for Amul Factory at Anand and understood the history of Amul Cooperative through a presentation by Mr. Richard. It was followed by a factory visit where the students were exposed to various processes of Milk processing and manufacturing of milk-based products like Butter, Cheese, Chocolates, etc. It was followed by lunch at Amul's restaurant.

We then moved towards Muni Seva Ashram's organic farm and Biogas plant, where students understood the process of making biogas from cow dung. The farm had over 200 cows of various Indian or desi breeds. The farm also had their own vermicomposting plant which the students were very keen to explore.



After exploring the Biogas plant, we moved toward Muni Seva Ashram's main campus. Karishma Ji welcomed us at the Ashram with Buttermilk and refreshments. Students were completely in awe of the Ashram's serene and positive atmosphere. We were taken on a tour of the campus, where the students were exposed to the place's history and how it started from a Montessori school. Today the campus hosts

After a traditional yet simple Gurajati dinner, we visited the Eklavya tribal School to have an interaction with the students. The students from the Eklavya School prepared Garba and other performances for the Assam students and had a cultural exchange where Assam students learnt Garba and the Gujarati children learned Bihu. We stayed that night at the Ashram and the students from Assam were truly mesmerized by the Ashram's hospitality and warmth.



Day 3- Visit to the Statue of Unity and SVNIT, Surat

After breakfast at Muni Seva Ashram, we left for the Statue of Unity, Kevadia. We reached Kevadia around 10 am on 26.02.23. It took around 2.5 hours for permits for our visit to the Dam and statue's viewpoint, which is located on the 44th floor of the statue. We visited the valley of flowers, the Dam viewpoint, and the Statue of Unity. The statue complex had a museum with all information regarding the project, partition, integration of states, displacement, and the contribution of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

After Lunch at IRCTC's restaurant at Ekta Nagar Station, we moved towards SVNIT Surat. It was a long and tiring journey, but the warm welcome at SVNIT made us feel at ease.



Day 4- Visit to Dumas beach, SVNIT Campus Tour, KISNA nature park, and Model School, HK Diamonds

After breakfast on 27.02.23 at SVNIT Guest House, we left for Dumas Beach. The students enjoyed the views and adventure activities at the beach. They rode ATVs, camels and horses to enjoy at the beach.

We then moved to SVNIT Surat to have an interaction with the Director and faculty, followed by a short tour of the campus. SVNIT tour was followed by a short trip to KISNA nature park and their model school, where the students learned that there are no boundaries to learning. Followed by a tour of Hare Krishna Diamond Factory, where the students were exposed to diamond making and met Mr. Dhokakia ji, who gave students a brief talk on his life story and entrepreneurship. After Lunch at SVNIT Guest House, we boarded the bus, left for IIT Gandhinagar, and reached 11.30 pm.





Day 5- Visit to SAI, Sabarmati Ashram Governor House, and Cultural Evening

On Day 5, we visited the Sports Authority of India Office, where the students got the chance to interact with various national and international athletes. After SAI, they visited the Sabarmati Ashram to explore Gandhiji's heritage and history.

Lastly, they had an opportunity to visit the Governor House and interacted with Sri Acharya Devvrat, the current serving governor of Gujarat, and interacted with the honorable Governor Sir. After dinner at IIT Gn, the students had a cultural night at Panchayat Circle, where they interacted with the IIT Gn students. IITgn students participated and played Garba with the Assam students, and the Assamese students also taught Bihu, Bagurumba, etc., to the IITGn community.





Day 6- Visit to Modhera and Patan

On Day 6, we left for Modhera Sun Temple early. The students loved the monument and were in absolute awe of the architecture of the Solanki dynasty era. They understood the history of both Modhera Sun Temple and Rani ki Vav. The trip ended with a short exposure visit to Patan's famous Patola House. The patola house is one of the most famous manufacturing houses of the Gujarati traditional Patola Sari.

Later in the evening, students were taken around a local market, and they ended the day with a campus tour on cycles.



Day 7- IITGn formal campus tour and Leave for Guwahati

It was the last day for the students on campus. They had a very fun Yoga cum Sports activity in the morning, along with certificate distribution for the participants.

After breakfast, they were guided around the IIT Gandhinagar campus and exposed to various labs, classrooms, and activity centers. Post lunch, they had to leave IIT Gandhinagar with lots of memories. Thus, their trip came to an end.



