

A REPORT ON EXPLORING KURUKSHETRA – THE LAND OF

MAHABHARATA

In order to enhance the learning of Indian history, BBPS, Noida organized an educational trip to Kurukshetra for classes VI to X on 20 August 14 & 21 August 14.

DAY 1: 20 AUGUST'2014

And, finally the day arrived. All the children were excited and at around 6.30 a.m., buses arrived.

Waving good bye to the parents, students left for their journey to the Land of Battles- Kurukshetra.

The buses were clean, tidy and comfortable. As soon as students boarded the bus, two new escorts- Varun sir and Nishta ma'am both from Knowledge XP welcomed the students. The entire journey to Kurukshetra, Haryana was lined with perfect picturesque scenes, green farms, tall wheat farms, lakes, huge factories and many industries.

To keep the students occupied during the journey, Knowledge XP conducted games and activities in the bus, which also included writing questions whose answers the students wanted to seek through the journey, regarding the place and the monuments. After around 3 hours, the bus halted so that all the students could have their breakfast at the Sagar Ratna. An hour long journey more and the students reached the destination- Kurukshetra. They were taken straight away to the Sheikh Chilli's tomb and Mausoleum. Here students could witness 'the past'. All what they had learnt and seen only in books suddenly appeared so real. From the toys and pots from Mohenjodaro to the excavated rooms and drainage system of olden times everything was marvelous! To build upon to their knowledge and brief them, there were guides from the Archaeological Survey of India. After the visit, they were taken to the hotel. The rooms were nice and furnished with Air Conditioners and Television. After resting for while, students had lunch. The meal was sumptuous and now it was time to leave. Everyone got ready and came down to the lobby. Students boarded the bus and the bus moved to Krishna museum and the Science centre. The museum had many manuscripts of the Geeta and the Mahabharata. The students saw many old pieces of literature, books and effigies of various deities. They were beautifully sculptured and dated way back to the 12th century and were safely preserved.

The Science centre offered so much to enhance their knowledge. Here, they used models and digitized explanation for their better understanding of the topic. After a quick view of the entire museum, they proceeded towards Brahma Sarovar- a place so serene and divine, where one could just sit and relax forever. The shores were installed with speakers, which played verses from the Geeta. The students sat down on the shores and clicked pictures. Soon after, everyone returned to hotel.

Back at hotel, the students were served evening snacks. At around 9pm, all the students were called for an activity. The activity comprised of a game in which the students had to imitate animals, their voice and form groups. After this, they were asked to sit according to their groups and pen down the answers, which they had to find through the journey. Later on all were served dinner. Everyone was very tired and right after the dinner went back to rooms and had a good night sleep.



The Magnificent Chariot of lord Krishna



Reminiscent of the Ancient Era

DAY 2: 21 AUGUST'2014

The morning was bright and cheerful. Today's site of visits were Jyotisar and the Kalpana Chawla museum. After freshening up, students packed their bags and made a move towards the cafeteria for breakfast. After a tasty and nutritious breakfast, the students hurried towards the lobby and formed lines. At around 12 noon the students reached Jyotisar. Jyotisar is a place beside a lake. It has a huge banyan tree that is believed to have witnessed the Mahabharata. Actually, it is regarded as a place where Lord Krishna delivered the Mahabharata to Arjuna. After our visit to Jyotisar, everyone went to Kalpana Chawla museum. The Kalpana Chawla museum was an inspiring and enlightening place. It had so much to offer and added a new dimension towards the outlook of students about aeronautics and astronauts. The museum was filled with working models that illustrated the movement of earth and other planets around their orbit, formation of atmosphere and planets, the detection of time zones and the working of a space shuttle and so many other stuff. But, what interested the students the most and left them spellbound was the 3D documentary on the solar system, planets and their formation. It was really enjoyable and enlightening.

With this, the group left for Delhi. The whole bus was filled with talks of the 3D documentary and the museums. Trip to Kurukshetra was a perfect blend of education and fun. The students had the opportunity to seek education (moreover our knowledge) out of its boundaries and add new dimensions to it.