

Report

Date of Tour: December 19, 2021

Organized by: Mundeshwari College for Teacher Education

Participants: B.Ed. trainees (2020-22)

Destination: Rajgir, Bihar

On December 19, 2021, our college organized a one-day educational tour to Rajgir, a historical town in Bihar known for its rich cultural heritage, ancient monuments, and spiritual significance. The tour aimed to provide students with an opportunity to explore and understand the historical and archaeological relevance of Rajgir, which was once the capital of the Magadha Kingdom and a significant center for both Buddhism and Jainism. The tour began early in the morning as the trainees, accompanied by teachers, gathered at their pre-decided stop. The group departed by bus and reached Rajgir in approximately 3 hours. Throughout the journey, the excitement among students was palpable, with teachers briefing them about Rajgir's historical and cultural significance.

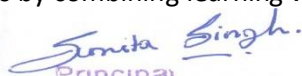
The first site visited was the famous Jal Mandir or Water Temple, situated in Pawapuri. This temple, indisputably, belongs to the Śvetāmbara sect of Jainism. It is dedicated to Mahavira, the 24th Tirthankara, which marks the place of his cremation. The temple was originally built by King Nandivardhan, elder brother of Mahavira, within the pond which is filled with red coloured lotus flowers. Trainees visited the temple and took photos.

The next site visited was the famous Vishwa Shanti Stupa (World Peace Pagoda) located atop Ratnagiri Hill. Trainees took the ropeway to reach the top and were fascinated by the breath-taking views of the surrounding landscapes. Teachers explained the significance of the stupa, which symbolizes world peace and stands as a tribute to Buddhism's spread across the world. Individual and group photos were taken by the photographer.

After lunch, the group proceeded to the Rajgir Hot Springs, a popular site for both tourists and devotees. The hot springs, which are believed to have healing properties, are located near the base of Vaibhava Hill. Trainees were intrigued by the geological explanations behind the springs and their cultural significance in Indian history.

The one-day educational tour to Rajgir was a great success, offering the trainees a chance to experience firsthand the rich history and cultural significance of this ancient town. The trip not only enhanced their knowledge of Indian history and religion but also encouraged curiosity and an appreciation for the preservation of historical sites. The trainees returned home in the evening, enriched with valuable insights and memories that would last a lifetime.

The trainees expressed their enthusiasm and gratitude for the tour, noting that they gained a deeper understanding of the subjects they had studied in class. Teachers also emphasized how such educational tours contribute to the holistic development of students by combining learning with real-world experiences.


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PHOTOGRAPS OF RAJGIR TOUR



JAL MANDIR PAWAPURI



LUNCH TIME



SHANTI STUP RAJGEER



RAJGIR HOT SPRING