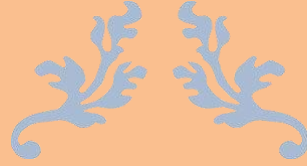


Govt. Degree College for Women, Kathua.



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THE JOURNEY, TO TRAVERSE THROUGH VARIOUS STATES, ENDEAVORS TO DISSOLVE BOUNDARIES OF CLASSROOMS, STREAMS AND EVOLVE EDUCATION BY PROVIDING IMMERSIVE, COLLABORATIVE, AND PROJECT-BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCES.

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Introduction

"College on Wheels-J&K Gyanodaya Express," is a pioneering educational endeavour and the first of its kind in Jammu and Kashmir. This unique initiative aims to redefine education, effectively dissolving boundaries and reshaping the world into a boundless University. The goal is to facilitate the discovery of the student's inner passions and life's purpose through immersive, collaborative, project-based learning experiences to address real-world challenges. The ultimate aspiration is to cultivate a culture of idea incubation, innovation, and skill development in alignment with National Education Policy 2020, where our Honourable Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has envisioned a paradigm shift from job seekers to job creators.

OBJECTIVES:

- 1) To encourage independent exploration and hands-on research, enhancing learning and problem-solving skills addressing real life challenges.**
- 2) To cultivate innovative thinking and interdisciplinary collaboration for potential ground breaking discoveries and idea incubation.**
- 3) To equip students to identify market opportunities and navigate the complexities of bringing innovations to market, understanding customer needs.**
- 4) To encourage personal growth, self-confidence, and leadership development for Women Empowerment. To promote cultural exchange, fostering unity and sense of mutual respect.**
- 5) To provide educational enrichment by exposing students to India's historical, geographical, and cultural diversity.**

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MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES



Prof. Savi Behl
Principal
GDCW Kathua

It is a great honor and privilege for Government Degree College for Women, Kathua, to be a part of this educational endeavor. Five girls from our college have been selected for the College on Wheels- J&K Gyanodaya Express. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to each of the students from our college for being selected to participate in this remarkable program.

As you embark on this educational journey, I want you to know that the entire college community is standing behind you, cheering for your success. May this experience be enriching and transformative, opening new horizons of knowledge and personal growth for each one of you. Believe in yourselves, embrace the opportunities that come your way, and make the most of this unique educational endeavor.

Remember, you carry not only your personal aspirations but also the pride of the college. Wishing you all the very best in your endeavors on the College on Wheels- J&K Gyanodaya Express. May this journey be filled with learning, inspiration, and moments that will profoundly shape your future.

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- 1) Name: Ms. Muskan Thakur**
Class: BA (SEM 3)
Project taken up: "Is there a Rural-Urban Divide?"



The project aims provide a rich tapestry of experiences, allowing for a nuanced understanding of both urban and rural dynamics across different regions in India.

- 2) Name: Ms. Aabha**
Class: BA (SEM 3)
Project taken up: "Traditional food and cultural importance"



The project aims to explore and appreciate the traditional foods of different regions in India, providing insights into the rich cultural diversity and culinary heritage of the country. The interaction with locals, the tasting of various dishes and the promotion of regional cuisines contribute to a broader understanding of India's cultural importance.

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3) Name: Ms. Kashish
Class: BA (SEM 5)
Project taken up: "Eco-Tourism: My Views."



The aim of the project is to uncover the vast potential for eco-tourism by integrating elements of architectural beauty, natural attractions, historical significance, scientific exploration, and promoting responsible tourism practices.

4) Name: Ms. Shivani Devi
Class: BSc.(SEM 3)
Project taken up: "Embracing the Serendipity and Spontaneity of travel"



The project titled "Embracing the Serendipity and Spontaneity of Travel" invites us to move beyond rigid plans, encouraging a genuine exploration of diverse cultures. By embracing the unexpected, it fosters personal growth, creates lasting memories, and supports local economies. True discovery, as the journey unfolds, lies not just in seeking new landscapes but in viewing them with new eyes, enriched by the beauty of the unplanned and spontaneous moments.

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5) Name: Ms. Gurmeet Kour

Class: BSc (SEM 3)

Project taken up:

**“Scope for betterment of toilets, lightings,
efficient pulling of chain and seating facilities.”**



The project aims to enhance the railway infrastructure in India, focusing on improving toilets, lighting, seating facilities, and the efficient use of emergency chains in train compartments. The methodology involves inductive and deductive approaches, including personal observations and data gathering through surveys.

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ITINERARY OF COLLEGE ON WHEELS

Date	Day	Destination	Arr.(Hrs)	Dep.(Hrs)
19 Nov.2023	1	Katra, J&K	*	1700
20 Nov.2023	2	New Delhi	0700	1800
21 Nov.2023	3	Sabarmati	1000	*
22 Nov.2023	4	Ahmedabad	*	2000
23 Nov.2023	5	Mumbai	0700	
24 Nov.2023	6	Mumbai		1800
25 Nov.2023	7	GOA	0700	
26 Nov.2023	8	GOA		2000
27 Nov.2023	9	Bengaluru Cant.	0900	
28 Nov.2023	10	Bengaluru		2300
29 Nov.2023	11			
30 Nov.2023	12	Wardha	0600	
01 Dec.2023	13			
02 Dec.2023	14		0600	

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“College On Wheels-J&K Gyanodaya Express”

Places to be Visited



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Title: College on Wheels: J&K Gyanodaya Express - An Educational Expedition

Introduction:

From November 19 to December 2, 2023, the J&K Gyanodaya Express undertook a 14-day educational journey, engaging 700 students, including Muskan Thakur, Aabha, Kashish, Shivani Devi, and Gurmeet Kour from Government Degree College for Women (GDCW) Kathua. This transformative expedition traversed India's cultural, historical, and scientific landmarks igniting intellectual curiosity and cultural appreciation.

Educational Expedition Highlights:

Day 1-2:

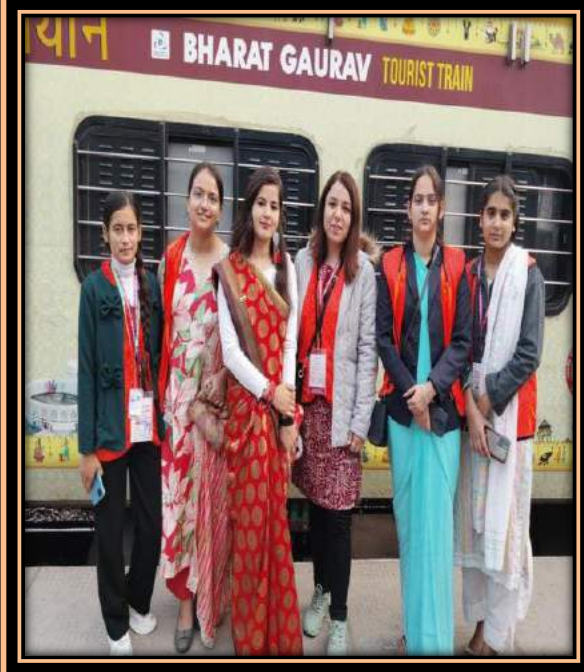
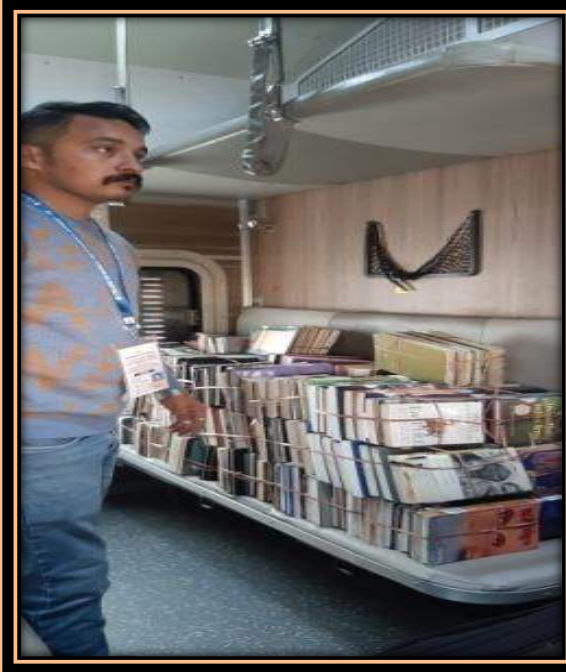
Day 1: Nov 19, 2023

- **Inauguration by Lieutenant Governor Sh. Manoj Sinha in Jammu.**
- **Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha flags off Gyanodaya Express College on Wheels.**



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- **The train library in the process of being set-up.**
- **Meeting people outside the decked-up train.**
- **Report writing session in train.**

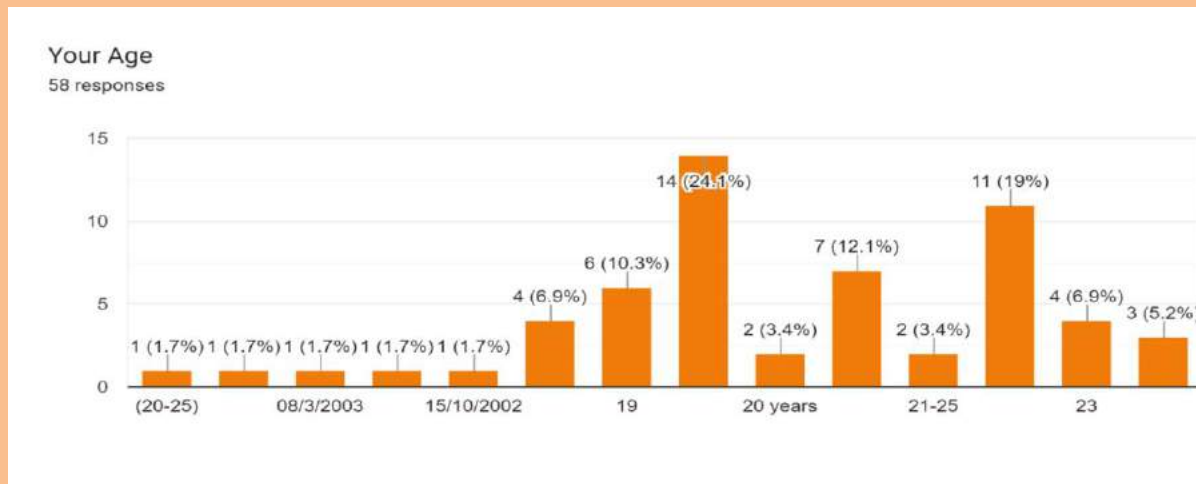


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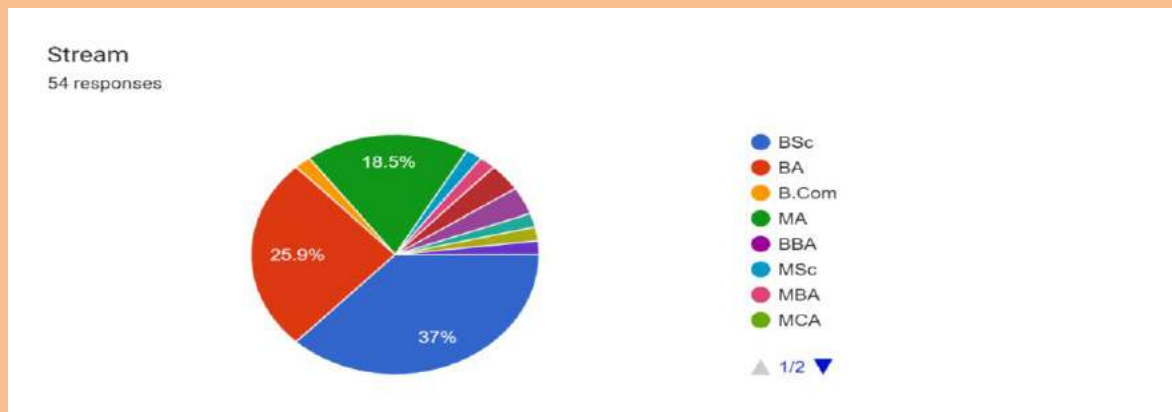
- **Conducted interviews with co-passengers to gather additional insights into specific problems related to toilets, lighting, seating, and chain pulling.**
- **Explored firsthand experiences through interviews to supplement and validate findings from Day 1.**
- **Collected qualitative data to better understand the impact of identified issues on passengers.**
- **Data analysis by Google form: A total of 58 responses were submitted on the first day of submission of forms.**

A summarized data analysis of the forms are given below :

Age of the participants are shown through the following bar chart.



- **Streams of the Participants :**

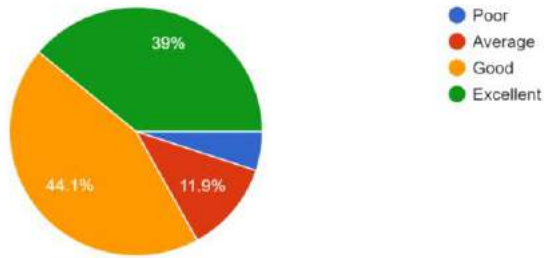


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- **Below are the questions raised in the form and the responses given by the participants are shown in the form of Bar/Pie chart:**

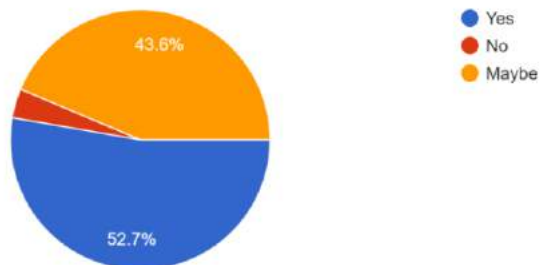
How would you rate the lighting facility in your train compartment?

59 responses



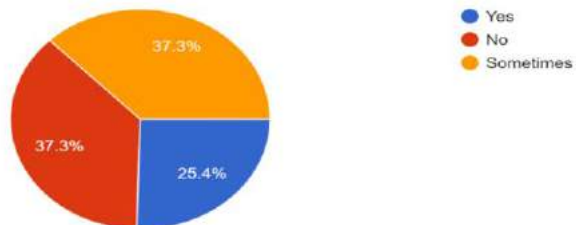
Can there be any other way of making/ exploring a better mechanism for the Efficient Pulling of the Chain.

55 responses



Do you think people misuse the chain pulling system to stop the train?

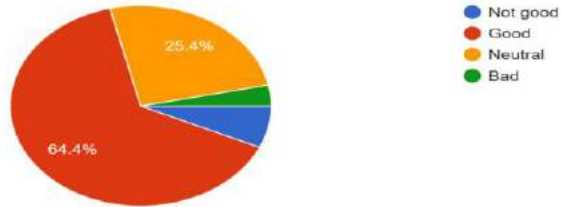
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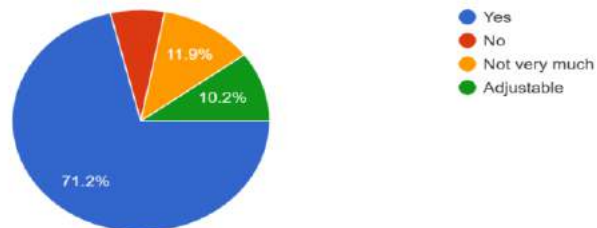
What is your experience of the seats of Gyanodaya Express?

59 responses



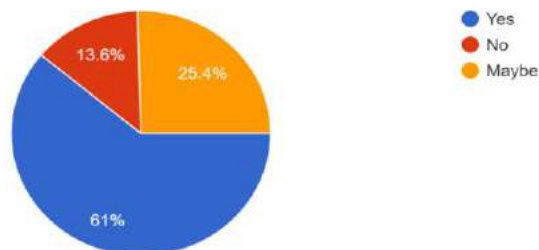
Do you think that space for toilet is quite suffocating due to lack of ventilation?

59 responses



Do you think the laws regarding punishment of aimless chain pulling should be strict?

59 responses



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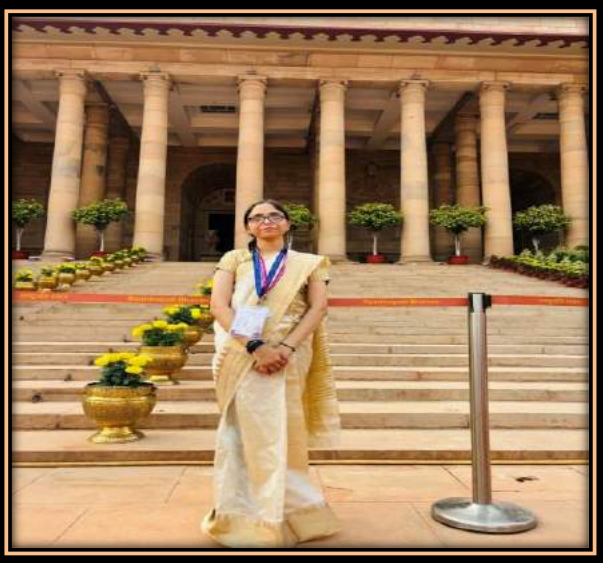
Cultural and Historical Immersion

Day 2: Nov 20, 2023

- **College on Wheels: Journey through Iconic Government Buildings New Delhi.**
- **Comprehensive visits to Parliament House and Rashtrapati Bhavan in Delhi.**
- **Detailed exploration of Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, and the Mughal Garden, revealing intricate designs and historical significance.**



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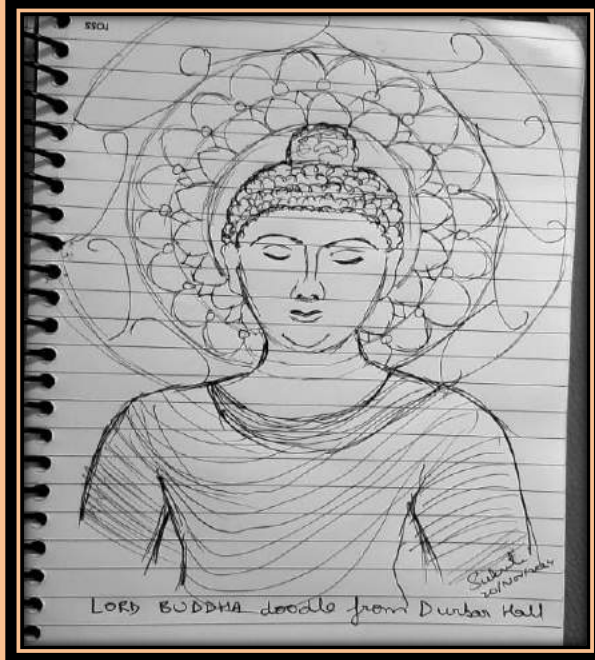


- **Trying to capture designs seen at the Parliament in absence of cameras.**
- **The Mahatma Gandhi Statue outside the Parliament building.**
- **Other significant sights were that of the Buddha (Mathura, 5th century), the Rampurva Bull (3rd Century BCE) and the**

Sahastrabhau Avlokiteshvara (gifted by the Government of Vietnam to Dr. Radhakrishnan) whose name interestingly means

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'the lord with a thousand arms who looks upon the world in compassion.' What a beautiful message that is!



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- Also the food in Delhi is inspired by different cultures as people from different cultures and regions live there and influence their eating habits.



Gujarat's Cultural Diversity

Day 3-4: November 21-22, 2023

Places Visited

- 1.Kankaria Lake
2. Ahmedabad University.
- 3.Sabarmati Ashram.
- 4.Adalaj Nivav.

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- Each place had its own charm, contributing to a holistic experience that blended education, history, and art.
- Arrival in Gujarat; immersion in Ahmedabad's Kankaria Lake and local markets, showcasing vibrant Gujarati culture.



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- **Ahmedabad University was a captivating experience, with its vibrant campus and diverse academic atmosphere. The blend of modern facilities and traditional architecture created a unique learning environment.**



- **Meaningful interactions at Sabarmati Ashram, Walking the same grounds where Mahatma Gandhi lived and worked was inspiring. The simplicity of the ashram and the serenity of the Sabarmati River left a lasting impression.**



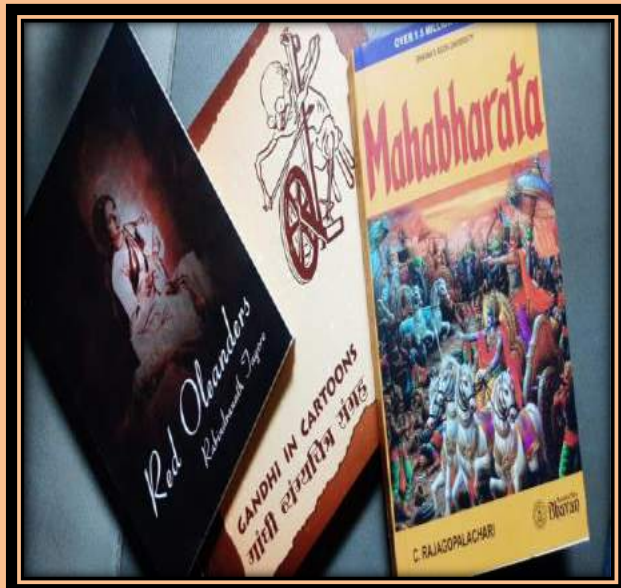
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- **Great finds at Sabarmati Ashram bookshop.**
- **limpse into the past through cartoons on Gandhi.**



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- **Adalaj Stepwell, or Adalaj Nivav, was a mesmerizing architectural marvel. The intricate carvings and the cool ambience inside the stepwell were awe-inspiring. It felt like stepping into a hidden world, showcasing the rich cultural heritage of the region.**



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- **Their traditional food which include dhokla, a steamed savoury cake made from fermented batter, and thepla, a spiced flatbread made from whole wheat flour, Gujarati kadhi, a tangy yoghurt-based curry, and undhiyu, a mixed vegetable dish cooked with spices and coconut and most famous jalebi and fafda. The cuisine of Gujarat is a true delight for food lovers.**



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Mumbai's Maritime Insights

Day 5-6: November 23-24, 2023

- **Departure to Mumbai; exploration of naval dockyard, submarines, and historical landmarks like Gateway of India.**
- **Engaging discussions with naval officers.**



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- The beautiful souvenir was gifted by the navy to every visitor.



- The popular street foods in Mumbai are Vada Pav, which a spicy potato fritter is served in a bun with chutneys. Another must try is Pav Bhaji, a flavorful dish made with a mix of mashed vegetables and spices, served with buttered bread and Mumbai's famous street food snack, Bhel Puri, which is a delightful combination of puffed rice, sev, chutneys, and crunchy toppings.



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Goa's Coastal Beauty and Gastronomy

Day 7-8: November 25-26, 2023

- **Visit to INS Hansa Naval Air Base and Goa Shipyard Limited, offering insights into naval operations.**



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- **The pristine naval beach at Karwar.**



- **Cultural immersion through interactions with locals, experiencing Goan cuisine's fusion flavours.**



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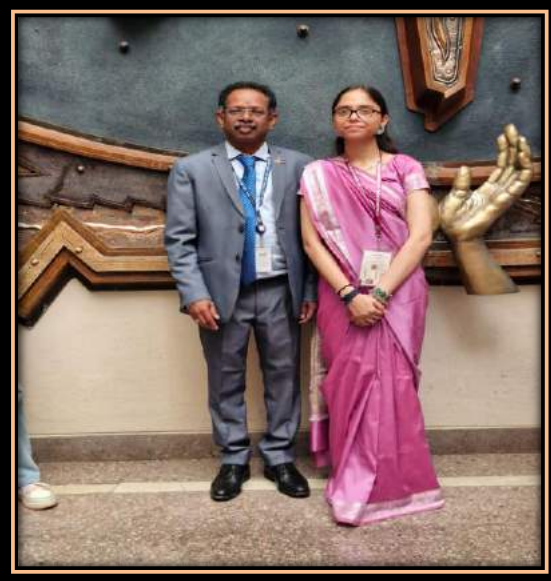
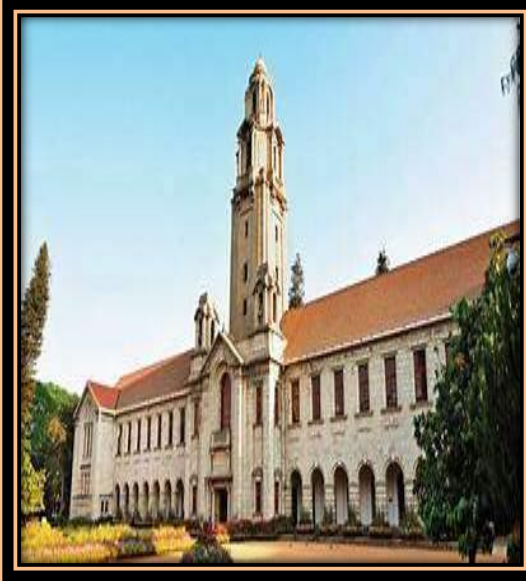
- **26th November 2023: Bus Ride through Goa.**



- **The Goan food is a delicious and vibrant cuisine that originates from the coastal state of Goa in India. It is known for its unique blend of Indian, Portuguese, and local flavors. Goan cuisine features a variety of sea food dishes, as well as spicy curries and flavorful rice preparations. Some popular Goan dishes include Goan fish curry, made with coconut milk and a blend of spices, Prawn Balchão, a spicy and tangy prawn pickle, and Sorpotel, a rich and spicy pork dish.**



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- **The wind tunnel in Bangalore is the biggest tunnel of our country.**
- **Here testing is done for civil, defense, commercial and industrial purposes.**
- **There is also a tunnel in Chennai, which is for civil application named CISR laboratory.**



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- **Interaction with the students about the local food and they told about various kanadan food which includes masala dosa (a crispy rice and lentil crepe filled with spicy potato curry), idli (steamed rice cakes), vada (deep-fried lentil fritters), filter coffee, and bisi bele bath (a flavorful rice dish with lentils and vegetables). There are also many Street food options like chaat (savoury snacks), dosa varieties, and Bangalore-style biryani. It's a food lover's paradise.**



Embracing Gandhian Principles in Wardha

Day 11-12: November 29-30, 2023

- **Journey to Wardha; immersive experiences at Paunar Ashram, deepening understanding of Gandhian ideologies and principles.**

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- The local food which includes the idli sambar, uthappam, bhel, jowar papad.



Day 13-14: November 1-2, 2023

DATE : 1 December 2023

Travel day

DATE : 2 December 2023

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Travel day



Back to Home



Throughout this educational journey, students actively engaged in interviews, local interactions, and cultural explorations, fostering academic enrichment, personal growth, humility, and a nuanced understanding of India's diverse heritage.

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Conclusion:

The College on Wheels initiative, spanning November 19 to December 2, 2023, provided a kaleidoscope of experiences encompassing India's historical, cultural, scientific, and social dimensions. Overall, the multi-day approach allowed for a comprehensive exploration of passenger concerns, practical insights, and diverse perspectives, forming the basis for informed recommendations and solutions to enhance the train travel experience. This expedition nurtured academic growth, cultural understanding, and a profound appreciation for India's rich heritage and contemporary landscape. The journey was a testament to holistic education, cultivating responsible and culturally aware citizens.