



RASHTRIYA SANSKRIT VIDYAPEETHA, TIRUPATI



EDUCATION TOUR

SHIKSHA SASTRI (2018-2020)

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THE JOURNEY BEGINS.....!!!

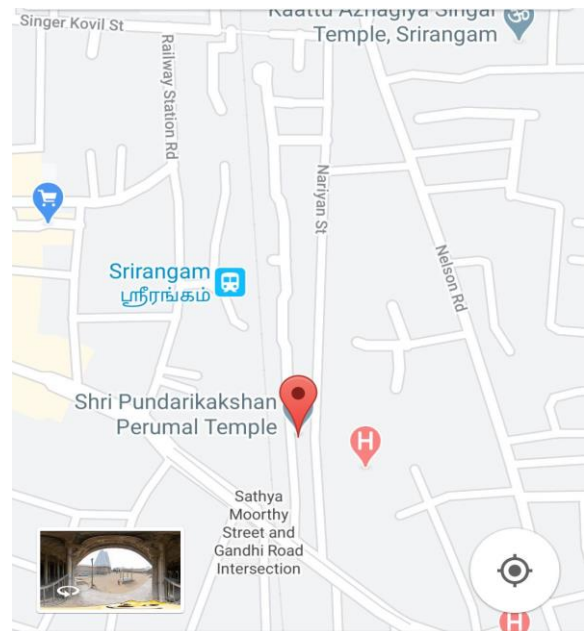
The much awaited culmination and the whole essence of two year B.ed programme - A spectacular education cum entertainment trip began on the night of 11th February 2020. It was a long time dream of the students to go for this tour to enjoy, cherish and reminisce the memories for life. With the traditional Ganapati pooja performed by our VC sir wishing us a safe and an enjoyable journey, there was lot of enthusiasm, excitement and energy evident in the beaming face of the students. The fun and frolic thus began. The finer details of this momentous trip are furnished in the following pages. We started our journey that night from Vidyapeetha and reached Srirangam the next day morning.



DAY 1 – 12-02-2020

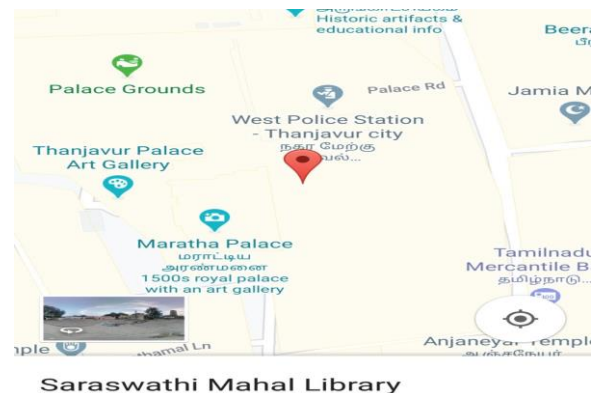
RANGANATHASWAMY TEMPLE, SRIRANGAM

Shri Ranganathaswami temple is dedicated to **Lord Ranganatha**, lying posture form of “Maha Vishnu” located in **Srirangam**. This temple is the foremost among the 108 Divya Desams, rich in legend and history. The temple is located in between kaveri and Kollidam river. It is believed that Rama gifted the statue of Ranganatha to Vibhishana. While he was taking the idol to Srilanka, by divine intervention, the idol came to be established in this sacred place. This temple is praised as “Bhooloka Vaikuntham” (heaven on earth). It is a huge and magnificent temple where several architecturally beautiful gopurams and sculptures are present. Wondering at the tradition and chanting devotional Bhajans with full josh, we had a wonderful Darshan of The Lord. From Srirangam we travelled to Tanjavur.



SARASWATI MAHAL LIBRARY

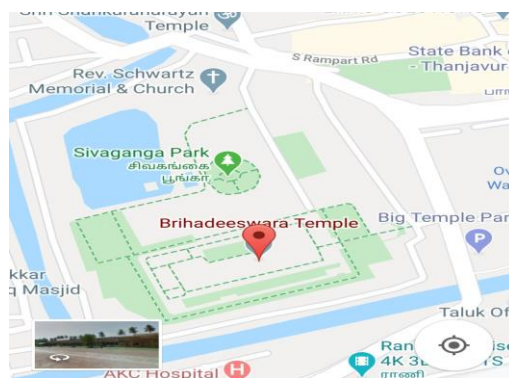
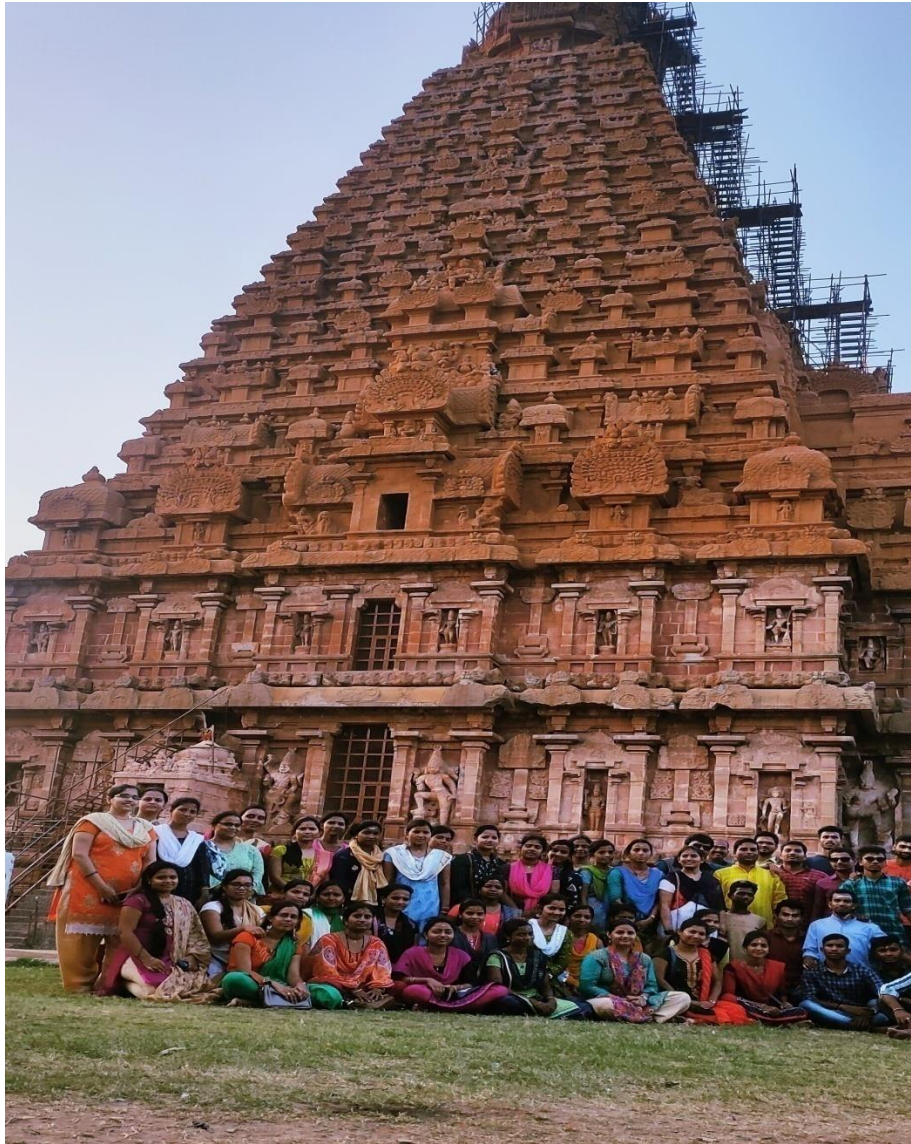
Having lunch at Tanjavur, we went to “Saraswati Mahal library”. It is an ancient library located in **Tanjavur**, Tamilnadu. It was established during 16th centry by **Nayaks** of Tanjavur as a royal library for intellectual enrichment of kings. It has on display rare collection of palm leaf manuscripts, paper written in Tamil, Sanskrit, and few other Indian languages. Maratha rulers especially serfoji II, an eminent scholar, enthusiastically took special interest in the enrichment of library. A museum is also found inside the campus, displaying sculptures, idols, and antique articles used by the kings. We also witnessed a short and appealing documentary about the library, Tanjavur temple and few other places of architectural significance.



Saraswathi Mahal Library

BRIHADISWARA TEMPLE, TANJAVUR

Brihadishwara temple or Periya Kovil is a magnificent temple of Lord Shiva located in southern banks of Kaveri river in Tanjavur. It is a spectacular masterpiece of Dravidian architecture. It is called Dakshina Meru, built by an eminent and a versatile Chola king **Raja Raja Chola** in 1st century A.D. The Vimana tower (Gopuram) is built out of granite above the Sanctum with unique interlocking techniques. The temple is a part of **UNESCO world heritage site**. Rightly as the name suggests, this temple has one of the largest “Shiva Linga” – “**Brihad Ishwara**”(**Huge Iswara**) and also the mighty Nandi in front of it. Our visit was of unique coincidence because Maha Kumbabhisheka had recently taken place in this temple.



DAY 2- 13-02-2020

DHANUSHKODI, RAMESWARAM

From Tanjavur we went to Rameswaram. About 20 kms away from the main town was Dhanushkodi. It is located on the tip of Pamban Island. It is the only land area that connects India and Srilanka, which is just 30 kms away from here. There is a unique mythological significance to this place from where Lord Rama Built the Setu to Srilanka. We could see the starting point of Rama Setu .It was a naturally peaceful location where we spent time in a very relaxed manner. From here, we left to an illustrious person's house.



A.P.J. ABDUL KALAM HOUSE- MUSEUM



We visited President A. P. J. Abdul Kalam's house that had now been converted into a museum. It is a place worth visiting. This museum shows us his childhood, life and his various achievements. It offers a lot of information about the legend. There are medals, awards, photographs of his childhood days as well as his research works at the museum. At the ground floor of the Kalam house, there is a shop from where visitors can buy various kinds of sea shell items. The second floor of the house has been converted into an art gallery.

RAMANATHASWAMY TEMPLE

Ramanathaswamy temple is a very sacred Shiva temple located in **Rameswaram**. The significance of this temple is that it is **one of the twelve JYOTIRLINGAS** of Shiva. The temple has the longest corridor [prakaram] among all Hindu temples in India. The history of this temple goes like this- Rama wanted to pray and worship Shiva to remove his sin committed by killing Ravana. For that, he established a small lingam out of the sand available in seashore, and that is believed to be the Ramanathaswamy lingam in the sanctum. There are 24 important tirthas in rameswaram ,out of which 22 tirthas are within the temple. Bathing in these tirthas is a major aspect of pilgrimage to rameswaram . .

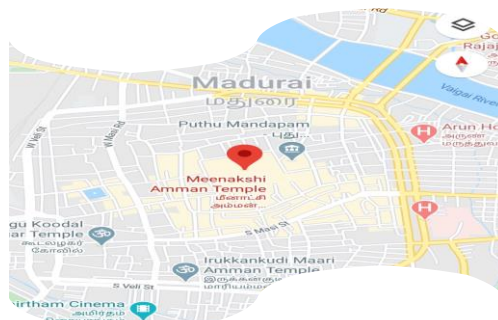
It was purely his divine grace that we all had a very soulful darshan in such a holy and sacred Khetra . We felt so blessed. Getting the grace of Shiva, our journey continued to see **Jaganmata (Mother Minakshi)**



Rameshwaram Temple, Tarr

MEENAKSHI TEMPLE, MADURAI

The residing deity of this temple is **Devi Meenakshi**, a form of parvati and her consort Sundareswara. a form of shiva . It is located on the southern bank of Vaigai River in **Madurai**. This temple has been a centre of education, culture, literature, art, music and dance. The sthala thirtha of this temple , Golden lotus pond acclaimed as parama tirtha , shivaganga, believed to be created by Lord Shiva. Meenakshi tirukalynam utsavam (marriage of meenakshi with Lord shiva) is a very significant annual festival celebrated in this temple with much festivities, chariot and procession during the month of april, in a very grand manner. All of us experienced an eternal bliss having got the Darshan of dazzling beauty of Goddess Meenakshi. We really felt a divine vibration within the Sannidhi.



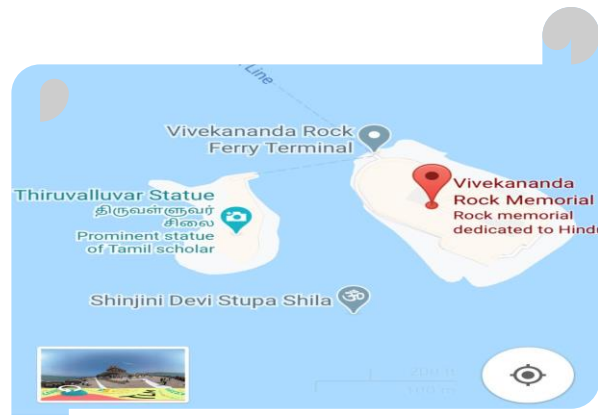
DAY 3 -14-02-2020

From Madurai, we travelled to the southernmost tip of India, Kanyakumari. After a little refreshment, we had the Darshan of Devi Kanyakumari and marched with so much of thrill to the sunrise point. The beautiful rising of the sun was not only captured by our eyes but also by our cameras. Finishing the breakfast, we reached Vivekananda Rock Memorial by boat.

VIVEKANANDA ROCK MEMORIAL

It is a very popular tourist monument in Kanyakumari. It was built in 1970 in honour of Swami Vivekananda. The memorial consists of two main structures **Vivekananda Mandapam** (where he is said to have attained enlightenment) and **Sripada mandapam** (where we can find the feet of Goddess Kanyakumari). It was a big fortune to visit the place where such a great soul had stayed. There was a meditation hall where devotees could sit and meditate peacefully. High positive energy and vibration was felt by us here. The view of the crystal clear ocean, the embracing touch of breezy winds and the overall ambience gave us a heavenly experience. With our minds still there in that memorial, we moved to the next destination, kovalam beach.

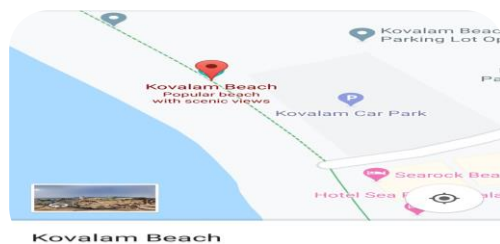




KOVALAM BEACH



Beaches are always a place of attraction for children and youngsters .The **KOVALAM** beach is situated in the area of Trivandrum city. Kovalam means a grove of coconut trees and the village offers an endless sight of coconut trees. Students, especially boys bathed, jumped, played and enjoyed to the fullest in this beach. Girls had the pleasure of enjoying the beauty of nature. From here, our next destination was padmanabhaswami temple, Trivandrum.



PADMANABHA SWAMY TEMPLE

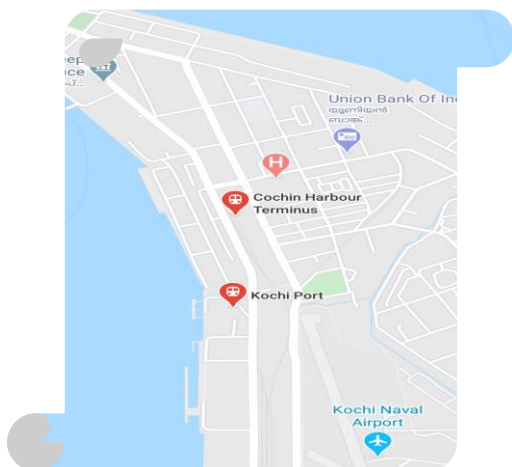
Padmanabhaswamy temple is located at **Thiruvananthapuram**, state capital of Kerala. The principle deity “**padmanabhaswamy** (Vishnu)” is enshrined in the “Ananta sayana” posture. He is the protecting deity of royal family of Travancore. This temple is immensely wealthy & rich with abundant treasures in terms of gold, diamond, pearls & others gems. It is one of the 108 principle Divya Desams of Vaishnavism. The deity is magnificent (**Ananta**) who is beyond the vision of a normal human. In a dark and serene Sanidhi, brightened only by mildly glowing lamp, the Darshan of the mighty Ananta Padmanabha gave us an overwhelming experience, joy and gratitude.



DAY 4- 15-02-2020

COCHIN HARBOUR

We stayed in Trivandrum the previous night and in the early morning we proceeded towards Kochi. Cochin boat trip was one of the favourite things of this tour for the students. We travelled in a cruise/boat from the harbour. On the way, our teachers explained the significance of many places that we passed by. It was stunning to see the official buildings, corporate offices and hotels of Ernakulam city built in the style of Singapore. After enriching ourselves with the information about the harbor, the much awaited entertainment session started. Students started dancing very enthusiastically in an ecstatic state. It was time to wind up once we reached that island .We saw few museums there and returned back. From Kochi, we left to Guruvayur.



GURUVAYUR TEMPLE

This temple is the abode of little Krishna, Guruvayurappan, located in Guruvayur, Kerala. The lord is a four armed standing Vishnu carrying conch panchajanya, sudharshana chakra, mace kaumodaki and lotus with holy basil garland. This represents the majestic form of Vishnu as revealed to Krishna's parents Vasudeva and Devaki. Krishna being lovable and a favourite God for many, we were so much longing to have his darshan. Finally we could make it and a moment of darshan brought such a joy to us. The very renowned bhakti text **Narayaneeyam** by **Narayana Bhattadri** is written on this Lord Guruvayurappan and he is strongly believed to remove any sort of sickness or disease. After having a fulfilling Darshan, we moved to a region of cooler environment, Ooty"



DAY 5- 16-02-2020

OOTY

In the land of the heavenly nature ooty, we visited a few places. First one was the Thread Garden,

THREAD GARDEN

The thread garden at Ooty is a popular tourist spot that exhibits some of the most magnificent and excellent collection of artificial flowers and plants, all made by expert hands of skilful artist by using only silk threads. It was a painstaking and commendable work done by a group of tribal ladies over 12 years. This museum has won the gunnies world record. Our next location was Tea and Chocolate factory



TEA AND CHOCOLATE FACTORY



The name of the city "Ooty" itself brings aromatic thoughts and temptations of tea and coffee. We saw the whole process of how the tea leaves are processed and tea powder is manufactured. We also had a guide who explained that process, and varieties of tea. We have been given 2-3 cups of normal tea and green tea. From there we visited the chocolate factory. We saw the process of how chocolates are prepared.

Next, we visited a beautiful lake, took photos there in the background of scenic nature. Ooty is a place where nature is at its supreme level. It is filled with Gardens, lakes, tea estates and viewpoints. We visited one such garden **KARNATAKA HORTICULTURE GARDEN**. It was very well maintained and organized. The landscape is beautiful with some exotic flowers and plants.



BRINDAVAN GARDEN, MYSORE

With eyes and mind fully filled with greenery and nature, and body just getting accustomed to that coolness, we started from ooty and came to Mysore. The first place to visit in Mysore was Brindavan Gardens. It is a very beautiful and a charming garden. It is situated adjoining **Krishnarajasagar Dam** across river Kaveri. The diwan of Mysore, who was a passionate nature lover, founded Brindavan Gardens.



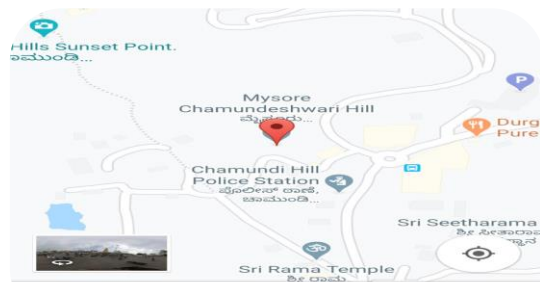
The garden is laid out in 3 terraces which contain water fountains, foliage plants (leafy plants) like Euphorbia and flowering plants like marigold & bougainviella. Here the fascinating attraction was the show of musical fountain in which splashes of water is synchronized to the music of songs. There is also a beautiful lake within the garden. The boating in the lake was fun-filled and a lovely experience.



DAY 6 - 17-02-2020

CHAMUNDI HILLS

Divine **chamundeshwari temple** is located on the top of chamundi hills. Devi is seated with her right heel pressed against mooladhara chakra. This cross legged yogic posture echoes the posture of Lord shiva. According to a legend, asura mahishasura was killed by Goddess Chamundeshwari after a battle. The fierce yet compassionate krupa katksha (Grace) of the Goddess fell on all of us. We sat there, did meditation in a very peaceful and powerful ambience of the sannidhi. We also visited “Mahabaleswara **temple**” which is considered to very ancient.



Chamundi Hills

MYSORE PALACE



EXPERIENCES

MEMORIES TO CHERISH.....

- ❖ Srirangam temple was such a huge temple. We saw many elegant sculptures, learnt the history and few traditions of this temple. It was a very special experience that we chanted loudly the Ghoshas “Elukundalavada Govinda Govinda”, while going for darshan and people over there joined us. We had a wonderful darshan of Lord Ranganatha.

Ranganathaswamy temple, Srirangam

K.Sharadha

- ❖ On the first day, we visited Saraswati Mahal library. It has a display of a rare collection of palm leaf manuscripts written in Tamil, Sanskrit, and other Indian languages. A Museum is also found inside the campus. We saw several types of ancient sculptures and idols of Gods .We also enjoyed watching a documentary about the library, history of Tanjavur temple, greenery and farming of Tamilnadu .We got knowledge of actual Tamilnadu by watching the short film. It was very informative.

Saraswati Mahal Library, Tanjavur

Sandhya Vajpai

- ❖ Brihadishwar Shiva Temple was ranked in the International Architecture by Discovery Channel. The miraculous saga of ancient Indian architectural science that the whole world is astonished and surprised to hear. We all lined up and saw Lord Shiva and took a group picture in the temple premises. This journey will remain indelible on our psyche and will cherish this memorable moment for life. I thank all the university administration, teachers, staff, and classmates for this successful and enjoyable journey.

Brihadiswara Temple,Tanjavur

Ashish kumar pandey

- ❖ Ramanathaswamy Temple is a famous Hindu temple. The temple is one of the 12 jyotirlinga shrines, where Shiva is worshiped in the form of a Jyotirlinga meaning "pillar of light".....That place was very peaceful... I felt really good and calm after seeing Lord Shiva. My experience at rameswaram was quite memorable.

Ramanathaswamy Temple

Jyothirmayi Sahoo

- ❖ It's a wonderful visit to kalam house. I feel grateful to visit there .I didn't see kalam sir in real. But in that house I felt how pure soul he is. I saw 14 Ph.d degrees that kalam sir has received and his hardwork for our country. He is the only person whom the whole india never hated .I saw his pictures and I got motivation that a common man also can be a great person by his hardwork, dedication and patience.

Abdul kalam house

Bhagyalakshmi Padi

- ❖ The Maa Minakshi Temple was located in the southern part of India in Madurai. The history tells this temple was established at 17 century by the king of Pandya. Through the puranas we come to know that Lord Shiva came to marry the princess Menakshi who was the daughter of Pandya king Malayadhwaja .This temple was nominated as one of the wonders of India, but didn't take place among the " seven wonders of world ". We felt grateful to see this type of holy and historical place. We had a wonderful darshan and enjoyed it's architecture.

Meenakshi temple

Saraswati Basantia

- ❖ This is my first education tour .Among all tour places, Vivekananda rock memorial was really nice .The statue of TRIVALLUVAR increases the importance of the rock memorial .This is a priceless place. The rock memorial is located among water , surrounded by three ocean ,that is bay of Bengal ,Arabian sea and our proud Indian ocean . In that place we were able to clearly see the different water of, different sea .I have no words to appreciate about that place .I love nature & I enjoyed the most .I can't forget that moment when the wind touched upon me .I felt that wind is coming near me ,trying to destroy all my pain, darkness and sadness from my life .I want to see that place once again atleast one more time.

Vivekananda Rock Memorial

Pratibha Sahu

- ❖ On the third day of the educational tour we left for kovalam beach from kanyakumari. Kovalam means a group of coconut trees. There were many coconut trees around kovalam beach. We heard a lot about it that there is going to be a lot of enjoyment. So we reached there with great spirit. The boys enjoyed bathing in the beach. And the girls were arranged to roam the beach separately. Really kovalam beach was very nice for us.

Kovalam beach

Neelesh Gupta

- ❖ The famous Anantapadmanabha Swami temple in the state of Kerala is extremely peaceful and sacred. The Lord is in yogic Ananta Sayana form. In this temple, there is a rule for girls to wear saree and boys to wear dhoti. By merely seeing the Gopuram itself, the mind becomes happy. After entering, the atmosphere there becomes peaceful and blissful.

Anantapadmanabhaswamy temple, Trivandrum

T. Sindusha

- ❖ The most memorable part of B.ed training period is the tour itself. In those 7 days we were with our friends in a different world. If I give the name coach to Kochi then I will not be wrong. Just as the coach does not discriminate against his student, similarly teachers and us had no distinction in Kochi. Nothing can stop you from dancing with the sound of a DJ in the middle of the ocean. Our teachers who danced with us doubled the joy of our trip. We got to see this directly why teachers are called best friends. In Kochi museum we got to know about Kerala and its history and we get to know how incredible our India really is. The sound of the sea and boat seemed as if it is telling us to spend some more moments here. But the time was up to take us into a new place which was famous Ananta Padmanabha swamy temple. I was thinking that I will not go to tour before but now just I am tangled in memories of the tour today.

Cochin Harbour

S Priyabrat Barik

- ❖ Guruvayur temple is one of the famous and beautiful temples in Kerala and it is situated in Thrissur district. Devotees worship the Lord here in the form of Vishnu's avatar Krishna. We went to this temple for darshan in the evening. It was very much crowded. We had been sitting there for some time. Finally, because of our guides sir & madam we were able to have darshan of Lord Balkrishna. Everyone had an opportunity to have a glimpse of the Lord. What makes it beautiful is not just the temple but the whole atmosphere. Overall it was a good journey. I will really remember this tour for life time.

Guruvayur Krishna Temple

Deepika Nayak

- ❖ Ooty (short for udhagamandalam) is a resort town in the Western Ghat mountains, in southern Tamilnadu state. We went to thread garden first. It was amazing . All the trees in the garden were hand made. After that we went to tea and chocolate factory and we learnt how tea and chocolates are prepared in the factory. We enjoyed drinking the natural flavours of tea there. After that we went to the flower garden. It was a scenic place, we took lot of photos and enjoyed a lot.

Ooty

Savyasachi Barad

- ❖ Today i want to talk about our B.ed education study tour program which provided a sound, holistic, educational experience in a safe, fun and friendly environment. 16.02.2020 Sunday morning we reached the biggest natural place ooty. That day we traveled from ooty to Mysore the whole day. That day was a very special day in my life. It was my Birthday.Friends and teachers arranged a surprise birthday party for me in a petrolbank on the way to mysore in the night at 10.00 clock. I cut the cake and shared with my dear friends, teachers and workers in the petrol bunk. My friends Brahmanand and mahesh wished me through blessing song and dance. It was a wonderful and memorable moment in my life.

Mysore.

Madhusmita Sahoo- Birthday Celebration Experience

- ❖ The Chamundeswari temple is located at the top Chamundeswari hills in Mysore, Karnataka. The temple is about 1000 steps from the foot of the hills. The Goddess Chamundeswari is seated on a lion killing demon Mahishasur with her "Trishul". The mythological fact gives the message that good always defeats the bad. Visited this holy place, with my friends and guide teachers. We enjoyed a lot. From arrival to departure the journey was really enjoyable that can't be expressed by words. Such a holy place and full of scenic beauty, that I can never forget.

Chamundi Hills

Archana Bhoi

- ❖ In the evening of the 5th day we reached Mysuru. There we went to see Vrindaban garden, but due to lack of time we could not see the whole garden. Even seeing the garden in the evening was very good. The next day in the morning we reached Chamundi hills, there we saw Ma Chamundeshwari Devi in the temple. In the afternoon we reached Maharaja palace, the biggest center of attraction in Mysuru city. The specialty of this palace is the Kalyanamandap made of glass roof, the pictures on the walls and the golden throne. The palace was very big to see. We were amazed by looking at the beauty of the palace.

Mysore palace

Deeptimayee Behera