

“An eye opening experiences of my life”

: Study Tour (Jammu & Delhi 19-20)

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An astonishing educational tour, as it is said learning, understanding memorizing is always less until unless you experience the one. And the day when I step to the **Jammu Tawi** Station a cold breeze of wind just took my exhausted travel feeling and filled me up with the new energy and excitement. The breath-taking view of the glacier mountain was the epic start of our journey. The most important question in everyone’s mind how is the current scenario after razing off **Article 370**. Being non- resident of the state it was hard to explain but even after the razing it was same as before . We were 30 in number including our faculty member’s. In order to organize the trip in way co-ordinating manner we have been divided into groups of 5 member each and all group were ready to move towards their designated location.

My first location “Poonch” district bounded by the LOC on three sides (North, west & south) .The place had the great ancient history in itself from being under control of great Empire to the current democratic nation. It was late at night to reach so we directly jump into our blankets and believe me the sound sleep of my life, so calm and relaxing. Next morning I was early to get up just to see sunrise the one which every city person dream of that was mesmerizing! As I come from the army background I already have the sense of being around the soldiers. But most of my friends were experiencing it for the first time. We visit the army post that clears my view how our soldiers stand in extreme conditions just to protect from enemy. We were very fortunate to experience actual shelling and feeling of tense, which can be clearly seen in everyone’s eyes. And for the first time in life I hold the real gun and aim to shoot it. While interacting to the soldiers from officer to the Jawaan how they

maintain themselves and their mind in such a situation? And the answer got me into realise that civilians of the big cities stand for their family and friends only were as the soldier not only stand for their family but for fellow soldier family too and that's what give them strength to be at any situation.

As a student of mass communication and journalism, we were not there just to understand about functioning of army but also to understand how local or civilians think about everything. People out there in Jammu is liable on the army for their day to day necessities .They acknowledge what army is doing for them and their families, to stay in path of development .Even though are subjected to regular attack from enemies side despite of their live at risk they believe the army will always be there to help them out and stand firmly for them day and nights. We got an opportunity to visit the school which is run by the army soldiers. The rising sun of the state they all were well aware of the condition and living pattern. They all were trained for the shelling and have bunkers at school and homes but still studying in such condition they really inspire us to have a courage to fight against all obstacles. Mass over there have more faith and respect than any government and the army serving the people in whatever way it can ,its serving the root of nation in every sense. Never the least I couldn't forget the land with soft snow which awaken the child inside me.4 day trip to Jammu have become my accomplishment to bucket list wish...



But the journey doesn't end here, we step ahead to Delhi during electoral phase which was one of the crucial time for one to be in Delhi. The first stop was the parliaments where we attended the lok Sabha session after going through the several level of security check. We were not only able to observe the proceeding session but

also at the same time observing the reporters present there who were reporting for lok sabha had given us the tremendous experiences . Watching parliament members and personally interacting with senior politicians of both the ruling as well as the opposition parties, Union Minister of Road and Transport, Nitin Gadkari and NCP Chief Sharad Pawar at government residence was great. We interacted with him about agriculture oriented questions as well as political one & they were very comfortable to answer too. One of my highlights during the study tour was the meeting with **Chief of the Army staff General Major M Narawane** .As we were one of the few people fortunate enough to get an opportunity to meet the Army Chief as a student for the first time. It was very informative and motivating. Visiting various location around Delhi like Rajghat, Teen Murti Bhavan, Indira Gandhi Memorial, Rashtrapati Bhavan Museum, India gate and National war, Red fort. I felt not only get attach to the present political scenario but to the past also.



Studying Journalism how cannot we visit the Press Trust of India and BBC news office. We got the close observation with the practicality of the media role. Due to Delhi elections and campaigning, we had an entire day spare for sight-seeing and Panipat was not that far away from Delhi so, none of us wanted to miss the chance to visit such a historic and legendary place. And there our tour manager Nitin Shastri sir explained the importance of the place to the students and explained the three battles shortly.

After heading towards to home from such an *eye opening experiences of my life*. I'll

be always thankful to our Abasaheb Garware College's Department of Mass Communication and Journalism (MCJ) for providing such an opportunity for a rich immersion experience and a tremendous way to facilitate learning. And even this tour had given the students experience of different facets of the political functioning in the city and also to understand how journalism works at the capital and eventually help them learn effectively about their field of action.

