

DUBAI IV: A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE

VPM Joshi Bedekar College conducted an Industrial visit to U.A.E on 26th Feb 2019. The visit was indeed a huge success which gained lots of knowledge and experience to the young minds of our college.

Our Visionary principal Dr. Suchitra Naik who always look forward to bring new opportunities for students had initiated the very first Industrial visit to enhance learning in an innovative way. The group of 30 students from various courses were guided by Hon'ble Chairman Dr. Vijay Bedekar and Prof Dr. Nitin Joshi, Dr. Neelam Shaikh and Adv. Yatin Pandit sir. The students along with their mentors had a lifetime experience of learning in U.A.E

Students visited 'Al Bhuheria Lacnor Dairies Co.Ltd at Sharjah on 27/2/19. Lacnor is one of the market leaders in juice and milk category and it continues to be a pioneer in development of new products within these categories. The production of milk and juices was explained in detail by NFPC group. Students saw the manufacturing process of Collecting, Separating, Fortifying, Pasteurising, Homogenizing and Packing. The humongous production plant was maintained with hygiene and discipline wherein our students learned about the latest technology, quality control and gained practical experience of the manufacturing process.

The visit to Lacnor was followed by Dubai's famous Desert safari and Panoramic City tour. The Arabian Desert surrounding the city is a sandy landscape where the students had a royal desert experience. The panoramic city tour showcased Dubai's legacy and world class architectures, It included The Burj Khalifa , Dubai frame ,The Dubai world trade tower, Princess tower and other skyscrapers of Dubai.

Dubai the 'City of gold' seems to be on an endless mission to impress the world with its Sky high buildings and billion dollar projects. It is hard to believe that 30 years ago Dubai was mostly a dessert. Our students headed towards the Dubai museum to know about Dubai's traditional way of life before 1800s. The Dubai museum depicts the ancient history of Dubai in the form of art galleries showcasing vintage trade systems, craftsmen, vendors, buyers, iron smith, goldsmith, etc which briefs about Dubai's rich heritage and its inspiring success story to the world. Later that day we visited The luxurious "Zabeel Palace" of Sheik Mohammed Bin Rasid Al Maktoum and the day ended with a beautiful sunset near worlds famous hotel 'Burj Al Arab' on Jumeirah Beach. It was indeed the most beautiful and Awe-inspiring evening of our lives.

The second day started with a lot of enthusiasm in air, students visited The Skyline university College on 28/2/19. It is a business school which offers various programmes in business and IT. The campus of Skyline is spread over 40 acres of land which is located in University city of Sharjah. Sharjah is a city that has been recognised as a hub for education, culture and heritage by UNESCO. The students embraced the opportunity by exploring the campus infrastructure which had well equipped library, Computer lab, Entrepreneurship lab, Case study centres, Auditoriums, Conference rooms and sports grounds etc. Our Hon'ble Chairman Dr. Vijay Bedekar sir addressed the conference at SUC which was held exclusively for carrier guidance, motivation and elevation of young minds.

There was a fun learning session at the Mirzam chocolate factory in the evening. The students had an eye for detail of the chocolate production. The Mirzam team explained the production process of cocoa beans sorting, roasting, grinding, tasting and packaging which left us in awe. It was a delightful experience for all the chocolate lovers.

Dubai is a Sci-fi metropolis that boasts the world's tallest tower 'Burj Khalifa' and the world's largest mall, 'The Dubai Mall'. Our students had the pleasure of "At the top" view from 2,722 ft. tall Burj Khalifa; "It felt as if we were on top of the world!" said the beholders. Everyone fell head over heels for 'The Dubai Mall'; the lavish Mall had 1200+ stores with other attractions like the Dubai Aquarium, Reel Cinema (22 screen cinema hall), Cafes, Hysteria (haunted house), Dubai Dino, Ice rink, Kidzenia, The Dubai Fountain, Virtual Reality Park, Human Waterfalls, etc. With lots of Shopping, Entertainment and Fun, the visit to Dubai Mall and Burj Khalifa marked the end of our IV on 1st March 2019.

The team returned India with lots of fun memories, incredible experience, diverse knowledge and a lifetime learning commitment. The Dubai IV was indeed an ecstatic experience which taught us discipline and broadened our imaginations beyond belief!

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