

The Heritage Society

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Aryabhatta College University of Delhi

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On the beautiful dewy morning of March 25, 2023, a bus full of happy and excited students left the gates of Aryabhatta College for a one-day excursion to Agra. At 7 AM, we started our journey with bright eyes and smiling faces. As planned, the bus took a halt on the highway for a delicious breakfast and quick refreshments while in the interim, the students were fully engaged in having fun using the lyrical music tones that set everyone's mood for the beautiful place we were about to visit.



At about 11:30, we reached the Taj Mahal parking lot where the bus dropped everyone off. Walking about a kilometre later and we came in front of busy and hectic ticket counters and makeshift little bazar with cafeteria's and the famous Panchee Petha shop. The students bought the tickets online rather than standing in the long line for hours.

All the groups moved at their own pace, walking through the majestic wonder that is Taj Mahal. The entry into the core area is done by passing through a beautifully inscribed gateway that offers an awe inspiring first view of the wonder itself when a person walks through it.

As expected, there was a crowd gathered but the determined students still managed to click beautiful pictures of the Taj, even posing with the quintessential Taj Mahal poses. Underneath the brightly shining sun, the groups walked around the neatly manicured and perfectly maintained pathways while enjoying the lush greenery surrounding the many buildings inside the core area. After clicking pictures of a thousand varying kinds, some of the groups decided to visit the mausoleum inside the Taj Mahal where the emperor Shah Jahan and his wife Mumtaz are both buried. The groups walked in the que where steel railings dictate the path to walk, at the edge of the terrace, which offers a breath-taking view of the whole compound and the Yamuna river flowing peacefully behind the Taj Mahal. What could be seen was absolutely beautiful, in shades of white, with Ayats from the holy Quran, beautiful patterns of Mughal architecture and decorated with precious materials.



After touring Taj Mahal, all the students assembled at the entrance yet again where a group picture was taken, showing just how happy and exhausted everyone is. After exiting the core area, the team paused for some light refreshments in the cafeteria area of the monument itself, many even buying the famous sweet.

Following the exhausting walking, we went to a restaurant nearby where everyone reenergizes themselves with local delicacies. Having everyone's hunger satiated, the bus went on to the next stop of the day, Agra Fort, or the red fort of Agra. Once again tickets are bought and students roam around, clicking pictures and marvelling at the beauty of the city. A little bit of shopping at the local road markets and the bus sets off for the journey back to our very own Delhi at about 6:30 PM. The bus dropped us off back at the college concluding the day long yet extremely fun and enlightening day. The trip was executed smoothly executed. This adds to our tally of successfully organized trips and a bunch of happy faces.

list of students who attended the trip





