

TOUR REPORT

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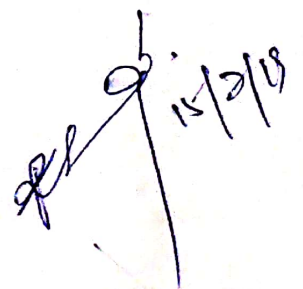
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The study tour, as part of the curriculum, was an exposure trip to a place of historical and educational importance. The tour program of the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Jammu, was planned for 7 days. It was a journey from Jammu-Bhopal-Delhi. There were 20 members, including 18 students, a teaching staff, and a non-teaching staff.

It was an experienceable and one of the amazing trips of our life. We prepared our one-week trip from 3rd July 2019 to 10th July 2019. The planning and discussion for the tour started very early at the beginning of the first semester. We were very excited and eagerly waiting for the trip. Two to three months before the trip, we started deciding the places where we had to visit. With the help of our Senior Assistant Professor P.K. Singh, we finally decided on the locations/cities where we wanted to visit. With the guidance of our professor, we booked tickets. Everything was pre-planned; sir gave us the schedule of the places like the date and tentative time of visit, climate details, and duration of stay. We packed our luggage.

As per the plan, we started our journey on 3rd July 2019. We all gathered at the railway station by 9 am and got the train to Bhopal (Malwa Express). We all took our seats on the train. The journey to Jodhpur via train was memorable. The next day, on 4th July 2019, at 7:25 am, we reached there; our travel agent came to pick us up from there to the hotel. We had decided to stay at the Regional Institute of Education, Bhopal.

Day 1

Time was given for freshening up, and then we had breakfast there. Then, around 10:30 am, we started our visit to the libraries. We visited the library (Learning Resource Centre) of Regional Institute, Bhopal. Dr. P.K. Tripathy, the Librarian of RIE, Bhopal, gave us a brief lecture on the resources and services provided by the library. The Library of RIE is fully automated with technologies like KOHA, DSpace, RFID, etc.

Then we visited the Barkatullah University Library, about 12 km away from RIE, Bhopal. It was formerly recognized as Bhopal University and renamed in the living memory of the great freedom fighter Prof. Barkatullah Bhopali. The library has a total of 94,768 books and 9,654 Ph.D.

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Theses. Then, around 2 pm, we visited the Rajib Gandhi Proudhyogiki Vishwavidyalaya Library. The library offers user-friendly features such as an RFID automated system, automated document delivery services, and web-based book search facilities i.e., web OPAC powered by KOHA open-source software. It is managed by the library staff. The library also provides different types of facilities such as a virtual classroom facility powered by NPTEL and MITS video classroom lectures, digital library, an e-library, a self-study center, a Meditation Center, a Virtual Reference service, book bank facilities, etc. The student can access the library 24x7, e-resources like e-books, e-journals, e-newspapers, e-dissertation, e-thesis, e-Ph.D. Thesis, e-lectures, e-videos, audio lectures, e-database annual reports, etc. The central library building is an eco-friendly and energy-saving building. In addition, the library building has a sky dome in the center point of the library, which provides natural light and cross ventilation for reading books and magazines. It was an amazing experience to visit such rich Libraries.

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At around 3:30 pm, our professor took us to a very popular restaurant for lunch. We all ordered our favourite meals. We were all satisfied and happy with the lunch. In the evening, we were taken to the Tribal Museum Bhopal. This museum is dedicated to the living aspects of tribal life, indigenous knowledge systems, and aesthetics. The museum is divided into six different theme galleries showcasing traditional art, craft, and culture of various tribes of Madhya Pradesh like Gonds, Bhils, Bhatias, Sahariya, Korku, Kol, and Baiga. We had never seen any museum like that. It was a great experience visiting there. We went back to the guest house of RIE, Bhopal, had dinner, and here ends the day.

Day 2

The next day, on 5th July 2019, after breakfast, we started by 9:30 am. We visited the premier institute, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Bhopal. Dr. Sandeep Kumar Pathak, the Librarian, and his colleagues took us on a round to the library. The Central Library of IISER, Bhopal, operates are automated using KOHA Library Management Software. The

Central Library is now fully automated with all possible modern facilities. Web-OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue) is accessible at URL: <http://webopac.iiserb.ac.in/>. It was a very rich library. After IISER, we visited NIFT, Bhopal. The library wing of the Resource Centre has a rich collection of books, journals, A-V materials, CD-ROMS, etc. Books on subjects like arts & Crafts, Fashion, Garment Manufacturing, Leather, Footwear, Leather Goods, Jewellery, Management, Merchandising, etc., are available at the library. It subscribes to leading Indian / Foreign journals in the areas of Fashion, Garments, Textiles, Footwear, Leather Goods, Fashion Accessories, etc.

The Resource Centre offers various services to the benefit of the members: WebOPAC, Circulation of Books, Audio-Visual Materials and CD-ROMS, Book reservation, Document Delivery Service – On payment, etc. Every student asked many questions about the library system and software and saw the things practically that they keep on studying in books. Overall, it was a great experience. After ISSER, we visited NITTR Bhopal. The library has a collection of over 40,000 books, which includes textbooks, reference books, and a fine collection of books on Hindi Literature and Language. The library provides its users access to electronic journals. In addition to this, the library provides access to e-books. The air-conditioned Reading Hall provides a peaceful environment for encouraging to study. At around 1 pm, we visited AIIMS Bhopal.

The Library of AIIMS Bhopal, also known as Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam Library. Central Library of AIIMS Bhopal is housed in an impressive building spread over three floors with a seating capacity of more than 250 students. Modern infrastructure, well-designed spaces, and an impressive collection of books, journals, and other learning resources create a perfect ambience for learning outside the classroom. The Central Library is fully automated using KOHA – an Integrated Library Management System with RFID-enabled security gates, smart cards, self-check-out and check-in, RFID Dropbox, etc.

The library provides access to various physical and e-resources to its users. And at around 3 pm, we visited the National Law Institute University Library. The heart and soul of the University are its library “Gyan Mandir,” which is housed in a centrally air-conditioned building. The library is well equipped with the latest technology and tools and has a very rich collection of books and national and international journals of law and social sciences. It also has a large collection of e-resources like Lexis Nexis, Hein Online, JSTOR, Manupatra, AIR,

SCC, etc. It is a giant library with smart infrastructure. It is fully automated and provides access to the e-resources through remote access in addition to the physical resources. It is a very beautiful library. After taking a round of the library and getting aware of its library system, we decided to have lunch. The staff of NLIU Library offered us lunch at their hostel mess. Then, we took group photographs with the library staff and thanked them for their hospitality. After having lunch, we decided to move forward towards our next destination.



Day 3

The IIFM Library comprises state-of-the-art technological applications with print and digital holdings. The IIFM Library has developed a total collection of more than 42,820 volumes. The library subscribed to 207 print periodicals including newspapers, magazines, and foreign journals. The library subscribed to online databases, namely Science Direct- {(i) Environmental Science and (ii), Business, Management, and Accounting}, EBSCO – {(i) Business Source Elite and (ii) Environment Complete}, EBSCO-eBook Business Collection. It was an interesting and informative experience for all of us. After this, we decided to visit the nearest Lake but due to heavy rains, the gates of the lake were kept closed, therefore we decided



to move forward without wasting our time and we visited the nearest museum Indra Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya also referred to as the National Museum of Humankind, or Museum of Man and Culture is a museum located in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, India.



The museum spreads over an area of about 200 acres on the Shymala Hills in the city. This museum depicts the story of mankind in time and space. It is the largest ethnographic museum in India. After having lunch, we visited another museum "Bharat Bhavan". Bharat Bhavan is an autonomous-multi-arts complex and museum in Bhopal, India, established and funded by the Government of Madhya Pradesh. The architect of the Bharat Bhavan is Charles Correa. Opened in 1982, facing the Upper Lake, Bhopal, it houses multiple art galleries, a graphic printing workshop, a ceramics workshop, an open-air amphitheater, a studio theater, an auditorium, a museum of tribal & folk art, and libraries of Indian poetry, classical music & folk music.

Day 4

It was Sunday, and therefore it was time to refresh ourselves by visiting the historical places and temples. We visited the famous temple established by "Raja Bhoj". The temple was built

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by Raja Bhoj during the 11th century and is famous for the largest monolithic shivlinga. The temple is widely known as the unfinished Hindu temple. It houses a giant idol of 'shivling', having an overall height exceeding 26 ft. In the temple, we all prayed for our happy and successful future. Then we decided to move forward towards Sanchi Stupa. Sanchi Stupa is a Buddhist complex, famous for its Great Stupa, on a hilltop at Sanchi Town in Raisen District of the State of Madhya Pradesh, India. It is located, about 23 kilometers from Raisen town, district headquarters and 46 kilometers (29 mi) northeast of Bhopal, the capital of Madhya Pradesh. It was a long journey and we all were tired.



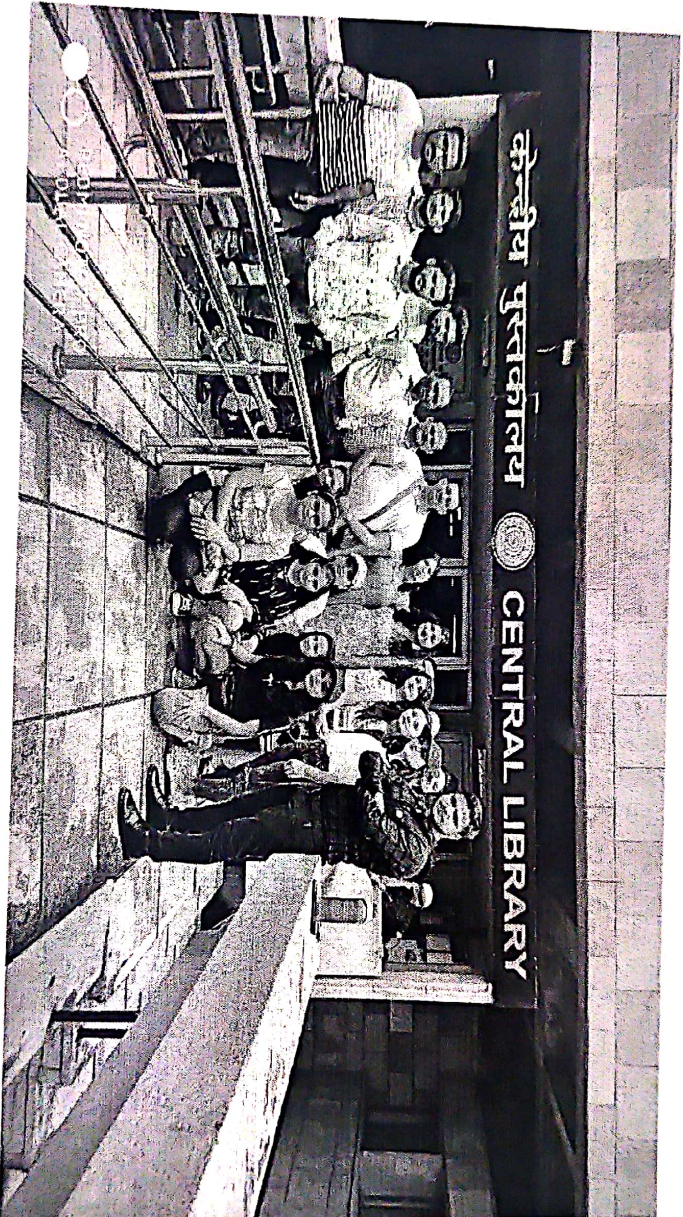
We decided to take some rest and then we headed forward to take a round around the stupa. We all were excited to see the stupas as well all had seen it only in our history books. It was a very exciting trip for us. After this, we visited Bhimbetka Caves. The Bhimbetka rock shelters are an archaeological site in central India that spans the Paleolithic and Mesolithic periods, as well as the historic period. It exhibits the earliest traces of human life in India and evidence of the Stone Age starting at the site in Acheulian times. It is located in the Raisen District in the Indian state of Madhya Pradesh, about 45 kilometers (28 mi) southeast of Bhopal. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site that consists of seven hills and over 750 rock shelters distributed over 10

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km (6.2 mi). At least some of the shelters were inhabited more than 100,000 years ago. In the evening, we took the train towards Delhi at 9:20 pm.

Day 5

On 8th July 2019, we reached at the Delhi Station around 8:00 pm. We took the vehicle from the station and reached the NCERT Guest house. A single room with a single bed was allotted to everyone. We took a little rest and had breakfast, then went to visit the IIT Delhi library. Here we saw all the sections of the library, and they organized a small session to tell us about the resources of the library. All we were gathered and took selfies and then proceeded to the next destination. '



Our next destination was JNU Library. The campus was very large. We reached the JNU Library, which is named Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Central Library. Then one of the staff members came, and they gave a briefing of the library resources. It was around 2:00 pm, and we all were hungry. We had lunch at the JNU Canteen and then proceeded to the next destination, which was DELNET. DELNET stands for Delhi Library Network, a major resource-sharing library Network in India connecting more than 8100 institutions in 33 states. Here we met with Sangita Koul, who is the present Director of DELNET. We visited all the libraries, and they arranged evening snacks for us. We took photographs and went to visit the India Gate.



Day 6

On 9th July 2019, we visited the Parliament library. Parliament Library, one of the richest repositories of books in India, was established in the year 1929 to assist members of the Indian Legislature. This is the largest library in Delhi and the 2nd largest library in India after the National Library. In Parliament, we also saw the live discussion of Rajya Sabha. The whole day was well spent. In the evening, we had the train to come back to Jammu. We reached the station. We took the train Shalimar Express (14645). On 10th July 2019, we reached the Jammu Tawi station around 6:00 am.



The whole journey was full of excitement and memorable.

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