

REPORT ON EDUCATIONAL TOUR “TURAS 2016” CHENNAI-AGRA-SHIMLA-KULLU-MANALI-DELHI

The MEASI Institute of Management has organized 4th Educational Tour “TURAS16” for the final year MBA Students of the Batch 2015-17 to Agra-Delhi-Shimla-Kulu-Manali from 23rd August 2016 to 02nd September 2016 which consists of fifty three boys accompanied and guided by faculty Member Dr. A Varadaraj, Dr. S.G Balaji and Mr.A.Appu along with one non-teaching Staff members. The idea of Turas16 is to plan travel destinations for students with a view to familiarize them with the immense diversity we enjoy. There is no country on earth that offers the visual diversities. North India is well equipped with age old monuments, magnificent Himalaya, deep rooted religious beliefs and modern cities all at the same place. The Tour Trip that is a specially designed educational tour to make our students familiar with India’s pride. We started our journey from Chennai central by Tamil Nadu Express at 10.00 PM on 23rd August 2016 and the whole day spent fully in train.



Dr.D.Nisar Ahmed, Director of MIM along with the staff members and students in the central railway station for TURAS16 TRIP on 23rd August 2016

TAJ MAHAL- AGRA FORT

We reached Agra on 25th August 2016 at early Morning 04.30 AM. Start the day with a visit to the nearby one of the Seven Wonders of the World – the Taj Mahal. Built to hold the body of Shah Jahan’s favorite wife who died in childbirth, the structure stands today as a symbol of eternal love. On a guided tour, you’ll admire its legendary shape from a far, and its elegant marble design from up-close. As soon as we left Taj Mahal, had a lunch in Hotel and again we went to Agra Fort, a half-moon-shaped citadel that once served as the seat of the Mughal Empire. Later on evening, we started the journey to Shimla.



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KUFRI THEME PARK- MALL ROAD SHIMLA

On the fourth day of our trip we reached the hotel and got ready for the Jummah Namaz at Shimla local Masjid. Later we had lunch and started our sightseeing in Kufri Theme Park and late night we went to Mall road for Purchasing. On the 27th

August we left Shimla, a journey of 265 kms about 10hrs travel to Kullu-Manali. In between the long travel we visited Apple Juice Factory and we had lunch there and again journey started by road itself, Kullu valley on river beas. It is one of the beautiful district in the state of Himachal Pradesh. At the evening, We visited Shawl Factory located between Kullu-Manali. Nestled in the Himalayas, kullu is a valley gifted with nature's charm and scenic beauty. Splashing rivers, water streams and lofty mountains with finest of slopes make it a place perfect for adventure sports. Late night we reached Manali hotel and had dinner.



Turas students in the Kullu valley



Kufri Fun world theme park in Shimla

MANALI – ROHTANG PASS

Next Morning we had to get ready as little early, we would be travelling a little longer to Rohtang pass,(51kms from Manali) at an altitude of 3,978 meters is the 'highest jeepable road in the world' and offers spectacular views of the Himalayas. Enjoy spectacular drive towards Rohtang snow point. The regions beyond the Rohtang pass are remote and cut away from the reach of the tourists. These predominantly Buddhist areas promise you ascetic and haunting view. Being a bit inaccessible to the modern civilization has helped the place to retain its pure and untouched beauty.



Industrial Visit to Shawl factory at Kullu



Sight Seeing in Rohtang pass Manali

INDIA GATE –QUTAB MINAR- JAMA MASJID DELHI

At the early morning we started our journey to Delhi from Manali, whole day travel in bus. At early morning we reached Delhi, got refreshed at hotel and later we moved on to Indira Gandhi Museum - see the site of Indira Gandhi's cremation after her 1984 assassination and then we visited to Qutab Minar, the world tallest brick minaret, later we visited Hazrat Nizamuddin Dargah and finished lunch at Hotel Karim. Later, at Rajghat –the most famous of the Ghats, where leaders and freedom fighters are cremated- see the site of Mahatma Gandhi's cremation after his 1948 assassination. After We visited The Red Fort as we know it, was actually called Qila-e-Mubarak or the blessed fort. The monument was constructed when Mughal emperor Shah Jahan decided to shift his capital from Agra to Delhi. Then We moved to Jama Masjid, It was built by Mughal emperor Shah Jahan between 1644 and 1656 at a cost of 1 million rupees, and was inaugurated by an imam from Bukhara, present-day Uzbekistan. The mosque was completed in 1656 AD with three great gates, four towers and two 40 m high minarets constructed of strips of red sandstone and white marble. The courtyard can accommodate more than 25,000 persons.



Turas trip at Agra fort and Red fort along with staff members

Purchasing in Palika Bazar and Train Journey

On morning, by Metro Train we reached Palika Bazar, Palika Bazaar hosts 380 numbered shops selling a diverse range of items. However, the market is dominated by electronic items and clothing. Palika Bazaar was set up in the late 1970s, but since the 1980s it has seen a decline in customers, in part due to the opening of several new, modern shopping malls all over Delhi. At evening, we reached New Delhi Railway Station around 4 pm and we return back to Chennai by GT Express. At early morning we reached at Chennai Central Railway Station- 6:15:19 AM with Sweet memories These kind of trips are one of the best moments in students life which are to be remembered forever. All in the entire trip was excellently organised with every moment being utilized to the fullest. Our every, need every requirement was adhered to. We visited great locations, had great fun and each one of us came back with fond memories, gaining a lifetime experience... A big thank you to the teachers for organizing this trip and handling us so well. We thank the management for their full support towards the events a great success.