

### **Yuva Sangam Phase 3**

Exposure Visit of Youth to Various States of India

#### **Tamil Nadu to Rajasthan**

*December 06 to December 15, 2023*

**Sending Institute:** IIM, Tiruchirappalli.

**Receiving Institute:** IIIT, Kota.

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#### **Inauguration and Flag off Ceremony**

The much-anticipated commencement of the trip to Rajasthan began with the inauguration function, which took place on December 5, 2023, at 5 pm in IIM, Tiruchirappalli. Approximately 50 participants from various parts of Tamil Nadu enthusiastically attended this event.

As the first segment of the program, "Tamilthai Vazhthu" was sung by all the participants, faculties, and parents. Following this, as a representation of Tamil culture, a "KuthuVilakku" was lit by a faculty member, a student, and parents. An introduction to Yuva Sangam was then presented, and participants subsequently introduced themselves. It is crucial to note that due to flooding in Chennai, the train scheduled for Rajasthan delegates was canceled, leading them to actively participate in the inauguration function.

Prizes were awarded to winners (Rajasthan Delegates) who excelled in various competitions such as Drawing, Elocution, and Essay writing. Following this, the Tamil Nadu delegates received their kits, including T-shirts, caps, identity cards, and tags. The inauguration function concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

Subsequently, the Tamil Nadu delegates had a brief visit to IIM, Trichy's impressive library. Later in the evening, they enjoyed a delicious meal.

### **Day 1 - 06th December 23**

To kick off the trip, the Tamil Nadu delegates commenced their journey to Rajasthan from Tiruchirappalli Junction on December 6, 2023. In commemoration of this moment, a group picture was taken at the junction. Subsequently, their journey unfolded aboard the HamSafar Train.



### **Day 2 - 07th December 23**

On the second day of their journey to Rajasthan, the Tamil Nadu delegates continued their travel on the train. They made the most of their time by engaging in conversations, playing various games, etc. Day 2 concluded with the delegates sharing moments of camaraderie, making the train journey a memorable part of their overall experience.

### **Day 3 - 08th December 23**

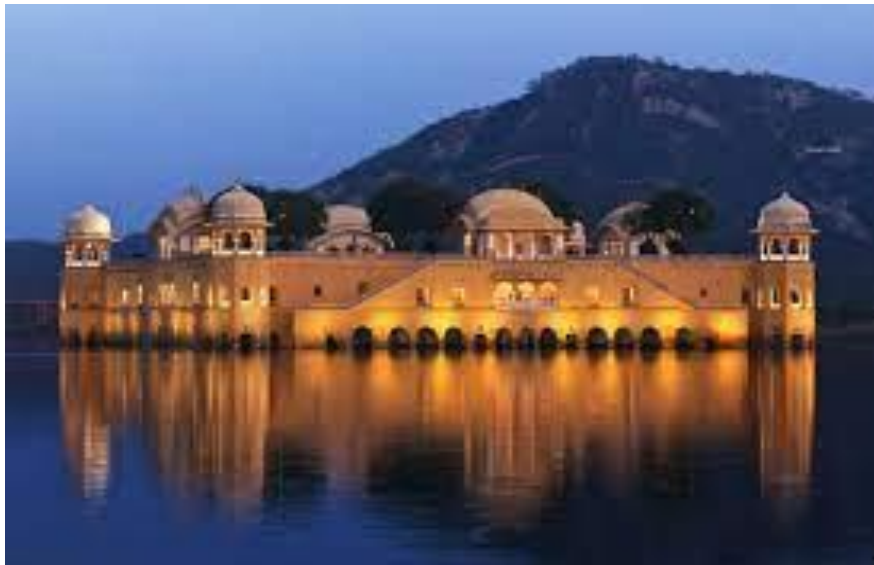
After an extended journey, the Tamil Nadu delegates reached Jaipur Junction in Rajasthan. They were warmly welcomed by the Rajasthan Coordinators at the Jaipur Junction. Following this, they traveled to MNIT, Jaipur, where they received an exceptionally warm welcome. The delegates were honored with Rajasthan's traditional mala (garland) and presented with snacks and flowers, enhancing the warmth of their arrival.



After a quick refreshment, the Tamil Nadu delegates had an exciting start to their exploration of Rajasthan. Their first destination was the Pink City, Jaipur. Arriving at lunchtime, they headed to Lily Pool Hotel for a delicious meal.

Following this satisfying lunch, they had the opportunity to visit Jal Mahal.

Jal Mahal is a palace situated in the middle of Man Sagar Lake in Jaipur city, the capital of the state of Rajasthan, India. Originally constructed around 1699, the palace and the lake underwent significant renovation and expansion in the early 18th century under the patronage of Maharaja Jai Singh II of Amber. The delegates were treated to the historical and architectural wonders of Jal Mahal, making it a captivating start to their exploration of Rajasthan.



After the historical visit, they were brought to the Devotional DevNarayan Ji temple. There, they had a pleasant darshan of Lord DevNarayan and admired the beauty of the temple.



Then, they had a wonderful chance to visit the Hawa Mahal. It has 953 windows(Jharokhas). By looking at that, every student was very happy. The Hawa Mahal is a palace in the city of Jaipur, India. Built from red and pink sandstone, it is on the edge of the City Palace, Jaipur, and extends to the Zenana, or women's chambers.



After visiting these places, students were allowed to purchase Rajasthani items from local shops. This was a highly anticipated part of the event. The day was completed by shopping for things in the Pink City.

After shopping, the TN delegates were brought to MNIT, Jaipur, where they enjoyed a delicious night meal. Following that, they had a sweet sendoff to IIIT, Kota and took a group picture there. Thus, the day came to an end.



#### Day 4 - 09th December 23

The TN delegates successfully reached IIIT, Kota at 4:30 am after a long journey from MNIT, Jaipur. There, they received a very warm welcome from the faculties and were provided with refreshments. Afterward, they were allowed to take some rest.

After having some rest, the students enjoyed a tasty breakfast at IIIT, Kota. Later, around 10:45 am, they participated in a hearty welcome ceremony at IIIT, Kota. During the ceremony, they were honored with Rajasthani traditional turbans (Pagari), white garlands (Mala), and a memorable kit. A delightful welcome function took place in the auditorium, featuring quizzes and photo sessions. The TN coordinators presented momentos to IIIT, Kota, and vice versa, expressing mutual appreciation and respect.



Following this wonderful welcome ceremony, the delegates enjoyed their lunch and prepared to visit the traditional temples of Kota. They specifically visited Shri Keshav Raj Ji temple, which was highly devotional. Additionally, they had the opportunity to explore the lake within the temple premises. The evening was spent in enjoyment at this sacred place.



In the sequence of visiting devotional places, their next stop was the Keshoraipatan Jain Temple. There, they explored the Jain sculptures and enjoyed delicious refreshments.



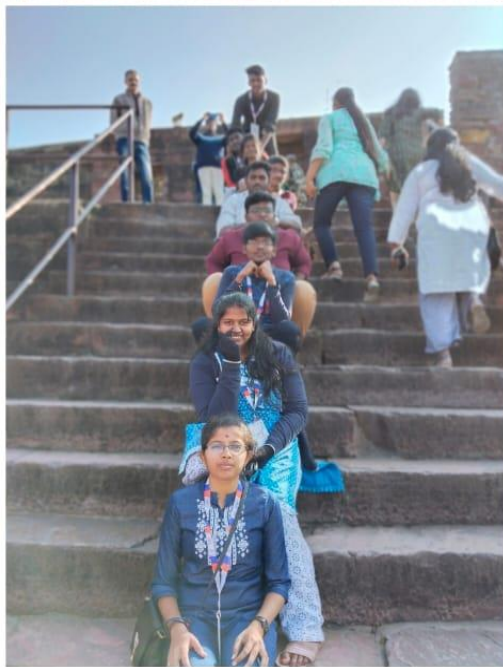


After visiting the devotional places, the TN delegates had a super elegant visit to the Seven Wonders Park in Kota. There, they viewed the world's famous seven wonders in miniature versions. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience, taking selfies and group pictures. The attention to detail in the miniature versions made it appear remarkably realistic. It was a wonderful time spent at the park. Seven Wonders Park in Kota comprises of miniatures of all the Seven Wonders of the World. These include **Taj Mahal, Great Pyramid, Eiffel Tower, Leaning Tower, Christ the Redeemer of Brazil, Colosseum, and Statue of Liberty**. Thus, the day concluded with a wonderful visit to the Seven Wonders Park, ending with a delicious meal at IIIT, Kota.

### **Day 5 - 10th December 23**

Day 5 started super early. Delegates had their breakfast at 7 am at IIIT, Kota and got ready to visit the Menaal Waterfalls. The journey was quite long, so everyone was super excited. They reached the Meenal Waterfalls by 9:40 am. There, they had a wonderful experience with the nature of Kota. The sculptures and the natural surroundings were super elegant, making it a memorable spot to visit in one's life.





After visiting the wonderful waterfalls, the delegates went on to visit the much-awaited Chittorgarh Fort. It was amazing to explore the palace of Rani Padmini. There, they learned about the historical stories of Rani Padmini and her sacrifice. The Jauhar Kund at Chittorgarh is a significant site within the fort where Rani Padmini of Chittorgarh, along with many other women, committed Jauhar to safeguard their dignity.

The Chittorgarh Fort, built in the 7th century AD by Chitragad Mori of the Maurya Dynasty, holds historical importance. Jauhar is an act of mass self-immolation performed by women and children to avoid enslavement, capture, and rape by invaders when facing defeat during war.



These acts were mainly carried out by women from royal families to protect their dignity. The Jauhar Kund at Chittorgarh witnessed such mass self-immolation. There, they also provided a report to the news channel about their experience at Chittorgarh Fort and their Yuva Sangam trip.



After having a wonderful time at Chittorgarh Fort, the delegates went to the Sawariya Seth Temple. There, they had a devotional experience seeing Lord Krishna. They observed beautiful pictures and sculptures depicting Lord Krishna and spent a wonderful time there in deep devotion.

Thus, the day came to an end with the devotion to Lord Krishna and the creation of lasting memories from Chittorgarh Fort and Meenal Waterfalls.

### **Day 6 - 11th December 23**

Day 6 started with super enthusiasm. As the first visit of the day, TN delegates went to NPCIL, Rawatbhata. **The Rajasthan Atomic Power Station is located at Rawatbhata.** It currently has six pressurised heavy water reactor (PHWR) units operating with a total installed capacity of 1,180 MW.

There, they gained a clear understanding of how power is generated through nuclear means. It was a significant and informative visit, providing insights into the process of energy generation. They observed large plants and enjoyed views of Chambal Lake. Additionally, they participated in a video session that explained the entire process of nuclear power generation.



Following the NPCIL visit, IIIT Kota organized competitions for the TN delegates. The first set of competitions included Drawing and Quiz competitions. Simultaneously, an exhibition on Arc Robotics was presented. Afterward, there was a student interaction session with IIIT Kota students. The day continued with a memorable musical jamming session, where both TN and IIIT Kota students showcased their talents. It was an enjoyable day for everyone, and thus, the day came to an end.



### **Day 7 - 12th December 23**

As the first visit on Day 7, TN delegates went to the Army cantonment in Kota. There, they witnessed the sacrifices and the dedicated work of the Army officers. The delegates also had the opportunity to visit the various weapons used by the Army officers. The officers explained the uses and functionalities of different types of guns. Additionally, they provided insights into different types of instant bridges that are crucial and helpful during critical times.





After visiting the Army Cantonment, the delegates had the chance to visit the Allen Coaching Institute in Kota. They received a warm welcome from the staff at Allen and engaged in an interactive discussion with the director. During the visit, they also had the opportunity to tour the recording rooms and editing rooms, as well as the digital lab of Allen. Following the informative tour, the delegates enjoyed a delicious meal provided by Allen.





Following the visit to Allen Kota, the most awaited part of the trip took place: local market shopping in Kota. Participants were enthusiastic about buying Rajasthani items for their families, friends, and relations. They visited local shops to explore and make purchases, enjoying the evening in Kota, Rajasthan.

After shopping, participants were taken to visit the stunning Chambal River Front, Kota. There, they witnessed the beauty of various famous buildings from different places, making it the heart of the trip. The lake was truly beautiful, and delegates enjoyed their visit by capturing moments with photos, videos, and selfies.

Thus, the day came to an end with the most beautiful moments, and the participants also enjoyed a delicious meal at IIIT, Kota.

### **Day 8 - 13th December 23**

Day 8 is quite important and memorable for the participants as they spent their last day at IIIT, Kota. The morning started with various types of games such as Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Volleyball, and Kiting.

After playing, delegates had the chance to meet the director of IIIT, Kota. There, they had a very interactive session with the director. Participants received their certificates from the director, expressing their gratitude for the Rajasthan trip and Yuva Sangam. They shared their most memorable moments with everyone and extended their thanks to everyone involved.

Participants also took part in tree planting. They planted tree saplings, watered them, and enjoyed contributing to the conservation of nature within the IIIT, Kota premises.



Following this, students got ready for the traditional program. During this program, they wore traditional dresses of Tamil Nadu, showcasing the elegant look of the state. Afterward, a cultural program was held where both Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan cultures were showcased by students. Prizes were awarded to the winners of the Drawing and Quiz competitions. A wonderful group picture was taken, and they enjoyed Rajasthan's traditional night feast with a

variety of Rajasthani dishes. Thus, the last day of the entire trip at Rajasthan came to an end with lots of sweet and unforgettable memories.

#### **Day 9 - 14th December 23**

Everything has its end. At last, the trip came to an end with a heartfelt goodbye to the whole of Rajasthan. Participants departed from Sogaria Railway station, beginning their journey back to Tamil Nadu with lots and lots of memories from Rajasthan.

#### **Day 10 - 15th December 23**

After a long journey from Rajasthan, TN delegates reached Tamil Nadu on December 15th. They shared heartfelt goodbyes with their friends and faculties. It was truly a memorable journey, likely to be an important part of every participant's life. A special thanks to Yuva Sangam for conducting this cultural event and facilitating cultural exchange across India. A heartfelt thanks to both IIM, Tiruchirappalli (Sending Institution) and IIIT, Kota (Receiving Institution) for taking care of the participants safely and ensuring their happiness.