



## **ARMY INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION**

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## **EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO AGRA**

Memories of an educational trip are amongst the most cherished in an academic calendar year largely because it is a welcome break both for the teachers and the students from the regular schedule. While their purpose is essentially to educate, they can also be a fun bounding experience for everyone. This endeavor is undertaken to provide good learning opportunities to the student-teachers to learn about the rich culture and heritage that our country has and how footfall from across the world has only been increasing to see the splendid monuments.

Army Institute of Education organized a day long educational tour to Agra on 1st Oct, 2019 to visit the Taj Mahal, an epitome of love and a wonder of the world. The trip is an inevitable part of the curriculum and gives an exposure to a place of historical importance.

We all started at 7:00 a.m. from the campus. There were a total of 65 student-teachers from the B.Ed. Batch 2019-21 and were accompanied by with the faculty and the Non-Teaching Staff of the Institute. The journey from Greater Noida till the destination was full of fun and frolic. Since the enthusiasm was high, the students enjoyed playing Dumb Charades and Antakshari and were happy to dance along to peppy numbers. We halted for a short tea break at the mid-way where we enjoyed the Aloo puri.

We reached Agra by 12p.m and were on our way to visit the dream destination Taj Mahal. Many of us were visiting it for the first time and were anxious to see the beauty, splendor and grandeur of this monument.

Leaving the bus at a distance, we had to walk down but as we stood at the entrance ,our eyes just could not capture the ethereal beauty of this great monument in marble. The huge white dome, the tall minarets, the raised platform and the pathway leading to it-green grassy with flushing fountains. We felt enchanted to see after having read so much about it in the books. We went round and round and spent an hour only admiring this magnificent piece of Mughal architecture. The Yamuna river was quietly flowing beside it at the back of the Taj. The intricate workmanship carried out in those times had all of us mesmerized.

With much reluctance, we left the Taj Mahal still trying to capture it and kept giving it a lingering look. We all then headed to the Agra Fort-a huge structure built in red stone. The inside of it –The Dewan-e-aam, the Dewan-e-khas.tell us the story of the Mughal glory. But the touching part where it's said that the emperor Shahjahan imprisoned by his son, Aurangzeb, was permitted to have a look at the Taj Mahal-the mausoleum of his beloved queen.

Snacks were provided to us in the journey .We all then headed back to the bus stand and started on our journey back to the Institute by 5:00p.m and finally reached the campus by 8:45 pm. It indeed was a long day, but the entire day is beautifully etched and will always cherish them in the years to come.

The experience was memorable and the tour was enjoyable and full of new learning.









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