

## EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO GUWAHATI ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> AND 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2017

On the 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 we visited, the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati , the Brahmaputra river, Accoland and others.

The next day that is on the 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2017 we visited the Planetarium located in Pan Bazar Guwahati ,the zoo, the Srimantha Sankardeva Kalakshetra and others.

As soon as we reach Guwahati,we started our trip on our first day by visiting The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati , a public and research university established by the Government of India, located in Guwahati in the state of Assam.The purpose of this visit was to educate, explore, experience and to provide them with an insight and perpective into how other institutions are functioning. At the end of the visit the students got to learn about the institution's best practices which has helped them to enhance their interpersonal skills.

On our visit to the Brahmaputra river, our students interacted with the people living on the banks of the river and they provided them with immense knowledge on its contribution to the economy of Assam taking different sectors of the economy into account.

After lunch in the afternoon of our first day we took our students to Accoland an Amusement and water park located near the Guwahati airport.It was really fun playing with our students where they enjoyed themselves in water rides and other fun activities in the place. It was already sunset and we hurried our students to get ready to leave the place by then.Before leaving we had our refreshment inside the park itself.We returned to the city since it was already getting dark we took our students to the malls in the city for shopping. It was 8 pm and time for dinner. We took our students to one of the hotels for diner and after dinner we went back to the Baptist guest house to stay there for the night as arranged .

In the morning of 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2017 our students got up early in the morning .By 8.30 we all lined up in the canteen of the guest house for breakfast.By 9.30 we left the Baptist guest house and the Planetarium located in MG Road Guwahati was our first destination of the day.The magic of the infinity expanding universe was explained in such a detail and is yet beyond our understanding.Apart from the regular sky watching sessions, special shows projected on a dome-shaped overhead screen were the star attraction of the planetarium. These shows were available in Hindi, English and Assamese and the timings were convenient. The ambience of the place made us felt relaxed and enjoyable here. It was 11.30 by then we had our light refreshment and left the place.The zoo was our next visit it is the largest of its kind in the North East region located within the Hengrabari Reserved forest at Guwahati .The zoo is a

home to different types of animals ,birds, reptiles of different species from around the world.The main purpose was to help our students to become more aware of animal behavior, care and conservation and how to take care of the environment as it has a significant impact on the life and welfare of animals.The tour offered a hands on learning the environment for the students. After touring a vast amount of land for instance wide open spaces including several hills all were exhausted and from there we took our students to one of the restaurants in the city for lunch.

After lunch we visited Srimantha Sankardeva Kalakshetra popularly known as Kalakshetra which is a cultural institution located in the Punjabari area of Guwahati, Assam.It was named after the medieval poet-playwriter and reformer Srimantha Sankardeva.It includes a cultural museum, library,and various facilities for preserving, demonstrating and performing cultural items besides a park. The institution showcases the culture and the history of the North Eastern states of India.Since this is a museum of a historical nature, therefore our main objective of visiting it was to create further awareness among the students and empathy for others. Aftr the visit students came to learn about the past important events ,distinguished historical figures and courageous decisions they made for the sake of an important cause.The visit has helped to teach, inspire and also to connect to different communities of the region.We headed back to Shillong where it was already dark and on the way we stopped in Nongpoh for evening refreshment.

