



Jodhpur - Jaisalmer Industrial Visit
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Learning Outcomes:

- Industrial visits provide the students with an opportunity to learn practically through interaction, working methods and employment practices.
- To give the students an exposure to current work practices as opposed to theoretical knowledge being taught at their college classrooms.
- Industrial visits grant the students a great opportunity to interact with industries and know more about industrial environment.
- Aim to go beyond academics, industrial visits provide practical exposure about the functioning of various processes within an organization.

Industries Visited:

- Kansara Modular Ltd.
- Saras Dairy

Tourist Spots Visited:

- Jaisalmer War Museum
- Gadi Sagar Lake
- Jaisalmer Fort
- Amer Sagar Jain Temple
- Bada Bagh
- Jaisalmer Sam Village
- Kuldhara Ghost Village
- Umaid Bhavan Palace
- Mehrangarh Fort

Overview

Over four enriching days exploring the historical marvels of Jodhpur and Jaisalmer, our group delved into a captivating blend of cultural immersion, historical significance, and industrial innovation. The journey kicked off with a poignant visit to the Jaisalmer War Museum, where the sacrifices of war heroes were honored, followed by a serene evening at Gadi Saar lake. Day 2 unfolded within the ancient walls of Jaisalmer Fort, exploring its narrow lanes, visiting the Jain Temple, and culminating in a mesmerizing camel safari through the Thar Desert. The day concluded with traditional Rajasthani dance and a lively DJ night at the Desert Camp. Day 3 led us on a haunting exploration of the Ghost Village, steeped in 13th-century history, before returning to Jodhpur, where the bustling market and a seamless check-in at Nirali Dhani hotel added vibrant cultural touches. Day 4 unfolded with a sumptuous breakfast, leading to the grandeur of Umaid Bhawan Palace, Mehrangarh Fort, and a unique exploration of industrial processes at Kansara Modular Ltd. and Saras dairy facility. Each day contributed to a nuanced understanding of Rajasthan's heritage, leaving a lasting imprint of the region's history, culture, and progress on our collective memory.

And a huge thanks to the management for giving such an opportunity to visit two successful industries and learning their operations while also a huge thanks to the accompanying ASB staff.

Day 1: 11th December 2023

The tour began on 10th December 2023, all the students assembled at Bandra Terminus to board train to Jodhpur, reached Jodhpur on 11th December 2023. After a good breakfast on a cold winter morning, the students proceeded towards Jaisalmer by bus.

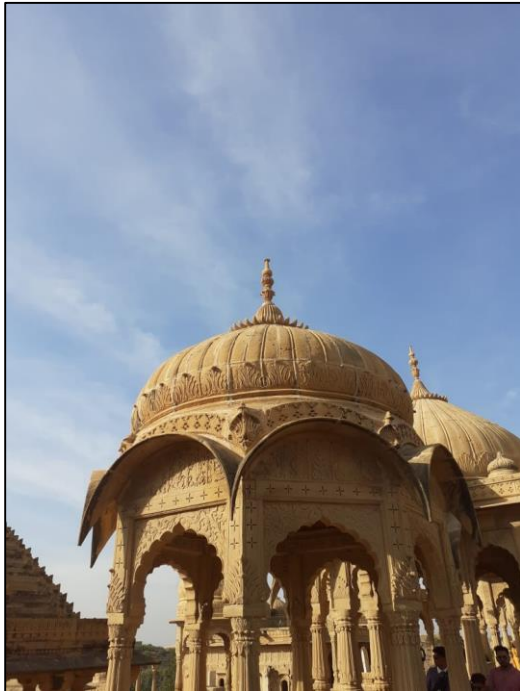


The fun trip began with the prestigious Jaisalmer War Museum being the first spot to be visited. Jaisalmer War Museum was established to honour the contributions and sacrifices of war heroes. These soldiers fought valiantly in some of the most challenging battles in history. Conceived by Lieutenant General Bobby Mathews and cultivated by the Indian Army's Desert Corps, the Museum was opened for public viewing in 2015 by Lieutenant General Ashok Singh. Since Jaisalmer had a history of facing long stretches of wars, including the Laungewala Battle, it was chosen as a suitable location for the Museum. The Museum displays collections from these wars including equipment, armour, weapons, vehicles and more.

Some prominent exhibits in the Museum include war trophies, vintage equipment, tanks such as the T 55 Tank, and military vehicles, apart from murals of soldiers and Indian Army strategies from the Indo-Pakistan War of 1971. With its sleek lines and glass façade, the Jaisalmer War Museum is an outstanding example of contemporary architecture. The museum also includes an Honour Wall displaying and honouring names of Paramvir Chakra and Mahavir Chakra holders.



Post the visit to the Jaisalmer War Museum, the students headed to the benchmark of the Jaisalmer City – the Gadi Sagar Lake which is an artificial lake in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan. It was built by the founder of Jaisalmer, King Rawal Jaisal in 1156 AD and later rebuilt by Gadsingh Bhati. The lake is said to be at one point in time, the only source of water for the city dwellers. The lake basks in its natural splendor and is definitely exploring. While some students enjoyed their time boating with the breathtaking view of the Jaisalmer Fort in the backdrop, other opted for shopping for collecting the souvenirs of this royal city.



Day 2: 12th December 2023

The day commenced with a delightful breakfast at Hotel Desert Palace, setting the tone for a day of exploration and cultural immersion. Post breakfast, the journey began as the enthusiastic students departed from the hotel, eager for a day of discovery in the enchanting city of Jaisalmer.

The first destination was the iconic Jaisalmer Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a testament to the city's rich history. Constructed in 1156 AD by Rawal Jaisal, the fort is renowned for its yellow sandstone architecture and intricate carvings. The students immersed themselves in the historical charm of Jaisalmer Fort, navigating through its

narrow lanes and uncovering the stories concealed within its walls. Within the fort, the students paid a visit to the Jain Temple, an architectural masterpiece known for its intricate marble carvings and ancient significance as a place of worship. Ascending to the fort's summit, they were rewarded with a breathtaking panoramic view of Jaisalmer, providing insights into the city's layout and historical evolution. The fort's bustling market offered a variety of traditional Rajasthani handicrafts and souvenirs, allowing us to indulge in a bit of local shopping.



The students savored the flavors of authentic Rajasthani cuisine in a charming setting for their luncheon followed by a visit to the Bada Bagh, a serene garden complex with royal cenotaphs, commissioned by Maharawal Jait Singh in the 16th century. This architectural masterpiece stands as a tribute to the rulers of Jaisalmer and showcases impressive Rajput architecture. The cenotaphs, or chhatris, commemorate the legacy of the city's leaders, creating a peaceful atmosphere amidst the desert landscape.

The students arrived at the desert camp in the early evening that marked the beginning of their desert adventure, promising an evening filled with unique experiences. Embarking on a camel safari, the students traversed the golden dunes of the Thar Desert, appreciating the

mesmerizing landscape as the sun began to set. Camel safaris have been an integral part of Rajasthan's cultural heritage, providing a traditional mode of transport through the vast desert expanse for centuries.

Upon our return to the camp, a traditional Rajasthani welcome awaited the students, setting the stage for an evening of cultural festivities. The desert camp came alive with traditional Rajasthani dance performances, complemented by a lively DJ night, creating a vibrant atmosphere of celebration. The day concluded with a delightful dinner, featuring a diverse array of Rajasthani dishes, allowing us to savor the culinary delights of the region.

This day trip provided a perfect blend of history, culture, and adventure, leaving the students with lasting memories of the captivating city of Jaisalmer.



Day 3: 13th December 2023

The students on Day 3 of their journey embarked on an eventful day that included historical exploration, cultural experiences, and travel between destinations.

The day commenced with a hearty breakfast, setting a positive tone for the group's upcoming activities. The group efficiently checked out and clicked a group photo as a remembrance. They departed from the desert camp, eager for a day of discovery in the enchanting historic Ghost Village – Kuldhara. The highlight of the day was the visit to the Ghost Village, formerly Pali Village. Steeped in 13th-century history, the village bore witness to the dark tale of Salim Singh, the minister who instigated the village's abandonment. The chilling story of his pursuit of the sarpanch's daughter, leading to a mass exodus and a curse on the village, added a haunting layer to the experience. The eerie atmosphere and tales of voices and apparitions after sunset made a profound impact on the participants. It is a desolate place with a forlorn look and bring sadness to the heart when one thinks of those unfortunate people who were forced to leave the land of their forefathers.

Following the Ghost Village exploration, the group departed for Jodhpur, with planned washroom halts to ensure comfort during the journey. A well-deserved break was taken for lunch at Makrana Raj Pokaran allowing the group to savor local flavors and recharge for the rest of the day.

The bustling Jodhpur market provided an opportunity for cultural immersion and souvenir shopping. Participants engaged with local vendors, adding a vibrant touch to the itinerary.

Upon reaching the hotel, Nirali Dhani, a seamless check-in process was followed and the day concluded with a relaxing dinner at the hotel. Participants were given ample time to retire to their rooms, marking the conclusion of a day filled with historical exploration, cultural experiences, and travel adventures.

The day's itinerary successfully combined historical significance, cultural engagement, and travel experiences. The Ghost Village visit, in particular, left a lasting impression, providing a unique blend of education and intrigue for all participants. Overall, the day was characterized by well-executed plans, fostering a sense of camaraderie among the group.

Day 4: 14th December 2023

The day dawned with the promise of discovery and excitement as we embarked on our journey through the enchanting city of Jodhpur. The day began on a delicious note with a sumptuous breakfast at 8:00 am, filling the senses with tantalizing aromas and flavors, setting the perfect tone for the adventures that awaited the students.

At 10:30 am, filled with eager anticipation, the students set off and arrived promptly at the renowned Umaid Bhawan Palace. The palace stood tall and majestic, a testament to architectural brilliance and royal heritage. Here, the group was greeted by a knowledgeable tour guide whose storytelling prowess added an extra layer of magic to the palace's intricate history. As the students wandered through its corridors, they were transported back in time, immersing ourselves in tales of grandeur and royalty.



The exploration encompassed a myriad of experiences, from marveling at a finely detailed miniature structure that replicated the palace's grandeur to soaking in the vintage-inspired ambiance that whispered echoes of a glorious past. The highlight, perhaps, was the collection of vintage cars that stood as relics of bygone eras, each vehicle encapsulating its own story of elegance and luxury. Departing at noon, the students seamlessly transitioned to our next destination, Mehrangarh Fort. The fort's imposing exterior cast a spell of awe upon us, a towering monument steeped in history and valor. Before indulging in a leisurely lunch, the enchanted students took a moment to absorb the fort's majestic grandeur, surrounded by the echoes of centuries past.



The afternoon unfolded into a different dimension of our journey, venturing into the realm of industrial exploration, a unique facet that added depth to our day's experiences. Commencing at 3:15 pm, our first stop led us to the premises of Kansara Modular Ltd., a taper bearing manufacturer's facility. Here, the students were graciously welcomed and intricately briefed on the intricacies of their operations. They delved into the inner workings of the facility, gaining insights into the meticulous processes and the sophisticated technology driving their production. The detailed walkthrough offered a fascinating glimpse into the precision and dedication involved in their craft.



Moving on to our second industrial visit, Saras, a dairy facility, the students continued their exploration into the world of manufacturing processes. The visit provided valuable insights into the layout design and operational intricacies of the dairy industry, painting a vivid picture of the processes involved in producing dairy products.



This immersive blend of cultural splendor and industrial innovation offered us a holistic understanding of Jodhpur's rich tapestry. The juxtaposition of historical opulence and modern industrial prowess left an indelible impression, enriching the appreciation for the city's diverse offerings. The day's journey was akin to navigating through the chapters of a captivating story, each experience unfolding as a vibrant page in the tale of Jodhpur's heritage and progress.