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TOUR REPORT

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Tour indeed brings much pleasure and enjoyment. Going for an educational tour is a good opportunity in fast moving trends of world and really it brings an everlasting blooming in one's mind.

The Department of Biology organized to go for an ***“Educational Tour”*** on ***9th, 10th and 11th of February 2012.*** We started our journey on 8th night from Dindigul enroute to Trichy reached to ***“Melmaruvathur Aathiparashakthi Temple”*** which attracts devotees from overall India. After worship we moved towards “Vandaloor”.

Vandaloor Zoo:

The famous zoo at vandaloor is ***“Aringar Anna Zoological Park”*** where rare collection of wild animals and those going to be extinct/ endangered are maintained. Fauna of many Varieties attracts children in its admirable way. Different kinds of birds such as ***Parakeets, Rose ringed parakeets, Grey horn bill, Indian spotted Dove, Red and Blue macaque, Masked love birds, Bulbul, Indian Red Breasted Parakeet, Malabar or Blue wing parakeet, Alexandrine or large Indian Parakeet, South Indian Grey stroke, Demoiselle Crane, White necked stroke, Black necked stroke, Cassowary, Emu, Eastern Grey horn, Grey Pelican Spoonbill, Blue rock pigeon etc.*** are very rare collection. Our National bird ***Peacock*** of many varieties which attracts and excites the people by its brilliant colored feathers, crest of feathers on its head, white patch under the eye and a long slender neck and its stretch out tail. The wild animals including ***Indian Bison, Swamp Deer, Nilgiri Sambar, Sloth Bear, Striped Hyena, Indian wild ass, White ibis, Nilgiri langur, Long tail Macaque, Chimpanzee, Savanna Baboon, Zebra, Elephant, Tiger, White Tiger, Monkey, Lion, Bison*** etc are seen to be very interesting.

The National animal ***“Tiger”*** is a magnificent animal which attracts people by its rich colored and well stripped soft and velvet coat. Snakes of many kinds, e.g., ***Python, Viper,*** etc due to its poisonous characteristics feature people get afraid of it to watch them in very close distance, but in the protective manner people tend to attract to watch many kinds of snakes in close proximity. And also this is a good chance to observe its physical appearance such as its shining skin, different kinds of bands over the skin, tail nature, length, zigzag crawling features, etc. With a wonder eye and with great excitement people can watch its behavior and movements in very close proximity.

Aquarium:

In the aquarium itself most of the ornamental fish varieties have been maintained such as ***Rosy Barb, Tiger barb, Balloon molly, Widow tetras, Angel, Silver sucker cat, Pearl gowrami, Jewel, Weoncichild, Bass gold, Black moor, Morph oranda***

gold, Collar chuckled, Blue gowrami, Banded zebra, Shark, Mixed morph, Gubby, Sovereign, Red soward tail, Kuvikarp, red gold.

Marina Beach:

With wonder-stricken thoughts, we started to move from Vandalor towards the famous beach ***Marina***. All along the way to Marina due to heavy traffic the pedestrian struggle to cross the road too. The heavy traffic and the dense flowing population rises a question in our mind that how does urbanization affect the environments. On the beach road itself we visited “***Anna square***” and “***M.G.R Square***” which are the Samadhi of renowned politicians and former chief ministers of Tamil Nadu. The “***statue of Kannagi***” and the “***labours***” symbolize the past events in history. Anyone can enjoy the roaring sound of “***Bay of Bengal***” by its waves and the beauty of the beach at night time along with its **light house**.

Vadapalani:

In the next day morning we went to the famous “***Murugan Temple***” at vadapalani in Chennai, which attracts many devotees from all over India. Then we reached Valluvar kottam.

Valluvar kottam:

It symbolizes the name of Valluvar who was the great Tamil poet and he presented the “***Ulaga Pothumarai***” named as **Thirukkural**. It attracts the people not only from India but also from all over the world.

Snake Park:

After visiting valluvar kottam, we moved towards the “Snake Park” at Gundy where many kinds of poisonous and non-poisonous snakes have been maintained. Examples for such varieties are ***Naja naja, Viper, Cobra, Python, Lycodon, Dryophis, Dog-faced water snake, Malacca sea snake, Annulated sea snake***, and other reptiles including varieties of ***Crocodiles, Chameleon, Indian black turtle and its young ones, Star-tortoise, Indian flapshell turtle, Red sand boa***, etc. Here a special ‘***snake show***’ is enacted about how to collect poison from its fangs and adding information regarding uses of such poison in pharmaceuticals.

Periyar Scientific Technology Centre:

First we entered into the “**Science centre**”. With a great exciting wonder we entered and looked the rare collection of very huge aquatic mammals and animals such as **Whales, Tortoise, Shark**, etc and wonderingly we observed the way of displaying various vital organs of such animals.

With full of astonishment we entered into another Gallery where we were attracted by ‘**3D Animal game show hall**’. Here we played with an ancient/extinct animals

like **Dinosaurs and other marine animals** in an unimaginable way. It brought about much excitement within us.

We went to another hall which was a '**Mirror hall**'. This hall was fully made of different kinds of mirror which brought about our images as **inverted images, 3D images**; one image can be visualized into **many images at many angles, multi-images**, etc. Here a game was also conducted to find the pathway to come out. We were not able to succeed in this game because we couldn't find a pathway. The image what we had seen on the mirror changed at different angles through which we could find only a pseudo-pathway instead to find the path we had hit on the mirrors in many times.

In the evening we visited '**planitorium**' named as "**Birla Kolarangam**", situated at Gundy where we got amazement when we entered into the auditorium. Here we watched the model of "**Astounding universe**" through which one can easily understand how the Sun, Moon, Stars and Planets originated in the beginning and their composition, interaction, and the method of installing the satellites in the space, receiving signals from the space etc. When we came out of the auditorium we felt that as if we went to the space and observed everything in very close proximity.

Eliyards Beach:

Next we reached **Eliyards beach at Besant nagar** during Sun set hours. Here we worshipped '**Shrine veankanni**', the mother of health and '**Aushtalakshmi temple**'. Once both these places were severely affected by Tsunami in the year 2004, December 26. From the top floor of the temple the full view of sea, entire beach, sea-shore covered area can be seen.

Mahabalipuram:

In the next day in very fresh and enthusiastic mood we started our journey towards the famous historical place. All along the way of east coast road we reached '**Mahabalipuram**' which was established during pallavas dynasty. It mainly attracts the people by its **wonderful sculptures, Shape and design of its pillars** which was carved in stones. '**Five Ratha**' is a wonderful sculpture in which each Ratha was made up of single stone. Other attracting places are **sea shore temple and monolithic sculptures**.

Pondicherry:

Next we went to Pondicherry where '**Sri Aurobindo Ashram**' is a famous worshipping place. It was founded by **Sri Aurobindo** on the 24th of November 1926. He appointed his co-worker **Mirra Alfassa**, thenceforth known as '**The Mother**' in charge of the ashram. In the ashram itself different kinds of ornamental flowers have been maintained in an admirable way and the colors, striking beauty of flower garden catches the eyes of all visitors with wonder. The '**Samadhi**' has also been decorated with very beautiful colored flowers. People believe that when they bow their head and keep it on the floor of Samadhi they can feel the vibration over their forehead.

Another famous temple in pondicherry is '**Manakula Vinayaga**'. This was our final programme. Here we worshipped the lord Vinayaga.

Finally we started from pondicherry enrouted to vizhupuram and Trichy reached Dindigul with jubilant mood which has been fully enriched with a places where we had visited and enjoyed with our friends. Totally the tour was nice and it can be remembered forever.

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