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## DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY



## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

### FIELD VISIT

2018-19 to 2022-23

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## Table of tours in 5 academic years by the department of History

S.No	Academic year	Number of trips	Place	Date	Number of participants	Purpose
1	2018-19	1	Polavaram Project	13-12-2018	30	To observe modern irrigation systems
2	2019-20	3	GDC, Ganapavaram	16.12.2019	5	To study the life and mission of Sri Murthy Rajugaru
			Andhra Sugars LTD, Bhimadolu	21.2.2020	25	To study the manufacture and distribution of sugar
			Rajapangidigudem Fort	21.12.2019	5	To study the Historical monumnet and zamindari system of the area
3	2020-21	1	Undavalli Caves and Amaravati Vijayawada	6-2-21	10	Study the buddhist architecture
		2	Guntupalli	20-2-22	15	To study the tourist importance
		3	Prison Johnson tiles factory, Chebrolu	22-2-22	25	To study the historical perspective of tiles industry
4	2022-23	1	Jeelakarragudem	31-7-22	15	To study the buddhist place

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## FIELD VISITS

**2018-2019**

### Polavaram Project

Title of the activity: Polavaram Education tour

Date: 13-12-2018

Name of the Resource person: P. Bhaskara Rao

Purpose of the tour: To understand the present and past condition of the project Polavaram.

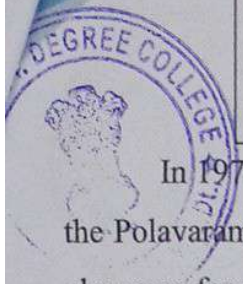
No. of students participated: 18

History and other information:

The Polavaram Project, located on the Godavari River in Andhra Pradesh, is a multi-purpose irrigation project granted National status by the Indian Government. Its reservoir extends up to 150 km back from the dam on the Main River and approximately 115 km on the Sabari River side, affecting parts of Chhattisgarh and Odisha. The project boosts tourism in the Godavari Districts, covering attractions like the Papikonda National Park. Additionally, the Polavaram hydroelectric project and National Waterway 4 are under construction nearby. The project is situated 40 km upstream of the Sir Arthur Cotton Barrage in Rajamahendravaram City and 25 km from Rajahmundry Airport.

The Polavaram Project has a history dating back several decades. The idea for the project was conceived as early as the 1940s, with proposals for harnessing the waters of the Godavari River to address the irrigation needs of the region, particularly in the drought-prone areas of Andhra Pradesh. In 1941, Sir Arthur Cotton, a British engineer renowned for his contributions to water resource management in India, proposed the construction of a dam across the Godavari River near Polavaram. However, it wasn't until much later that serious efforts were made to initiate the project.





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In 1978, the Government of Andhra Pradesh commissioned the detailed project report for the Polavaram Project. Subsequently, in 1980, the Central Water Commission granted technical clearance for the project. Over the years, the project faced various challenges, including funding issues, environmental concerns, and disputes over water sharing with neighboring states. Despite these challenges, the project continued to progress, with various governments at the state and central levels showing commitment to its completion. In 2005, the Government of India declared the Polavaram Project a national project, signifying its importance for national development and committing to providing financial assistance for its completion.

The department of History conducted a tour to Polavaram Project on 13-12-2018. The



Government of Andhra Pradesh arranged traveling and other facilities to all the enthusiastic travelers of the state so that people will get aware of the history, present situation and future of the dream project and get inspired by the efforts of the society to make it better.

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## FIELD VISIT

**2019-2020**

### **Government Degree College, Ganapavaram** **Centenary of the Founder Sri Murthy Raju Birth Anniversary**

Title of the Activity: Field Visit to Ganapavaram in Honor of Chintalapati Vara Prasada Murthi Raju Garu

Date: December 16, 2019

Place: Ganapavaram Government Degree College (GDC)

Class: B.A.

Number of Students Participated: 5

Number of Lectures Participated from the Department: 1 (P. Bhaskara Rao)

Detailed Report:

On December 16, 2019, a momentous field visit was orchestrated to Ganapavaram Government Degree College (GDC) to pay homage to the indelible legacy of Chintalapati Vara Prasada Murthi Raju Garu, a luminary whose tireless endeavors have profoundly influenced the educational landscape of the Godavari districts. Mr. Murthi Raju Garu's journey epitomizes a historical continuum of dedication and vision, shaping the educational fabric of our region through decades of unwavering commitment and pioneering initiatives.

The field visit convened five eager students from the B.A. class, alongside the esteemed presence of our department's lecturer, P. Bhaskara Rao. This excursion sought not only to offer practical exposure but also to imbue within the students a profound reverence for the transformative potential of education, an ethos inspired by the remarkable life and contributions of Mr. Murthi Raju Garu.

Upon arrival at Ganapavaram GDC, the students were greeted with warmth and reverence by the college faculty and staff, reflecting the widespread admiration for Mr. Murthi Raju Garu's monumental impact on education. The meticulously curated itinerary for the day was designed to illuminate the students about the educational initiatives spearheaded by Mr. Murthi Raju Garu, rooted in a historical narrative of progress and inclusivity.



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The visit commenced with an illuminating tour of the college campus, allowing students to immerse themselves in the tangible manifestations of Mr. Murthi Raju Garu's vision and leadership. As they traversed the corridors of the institution, they bore witness to the infrastructural advancements and academic facilities that stand as testaments to Mr. Murthi Raju Garu's enduring legacy. The college staff, with reverence, recounted the institution's storied history, underscoring Mr. Murthi Raju Garu's steadfast commitment to democratizing access to quality education.

Subsequently, the students partook in a poignant lecture delivered by P. Bhaskara Ramanaiah, meticulously crafted to honor the memory and contributions of Mr. Murthi Raju Garu. Delving into the historical tapestry of Mr. Murthi Raju Garu's life, the lecture illuminated his transformative initiatives and enduring imprint on the educational landscape. Stirred by the narratives of resilience and innovation, the students engaged in spirited discussions, articulating their admiration for Mr. Murthi Raju Garu's legacy.

The visit culminated in interactive sessions, fostering camaraderie and collaboration between the students of both institutions. This exchange, steeped in historical reverence, underscored the unifying spirit that permeates the educational community in the Godavari districts, a spirit catalyzed by the visionary leadership of Mr. Murthi Raju Garu.

In essence, the field visit to Ganapavaram GDC served as a poignant homage to the historical trajectory of Chintalapati Vara Prasada Murthi Raju Garu's educational crusade. It not only imparted invaluable insights and experiences to the students but also kindled within them a profound appreciation for the transformative potential of education, a legacy immortalized by Mr. Murthi Raju Garu's enduring impact on generations to come.





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## *Andhra Sugars Factory Bhimadolu, West Godavari district.*

Title of the Activity: Field Visit to Andhra Sugar Factory, Bhimadolu

Date: February 21, 2020

Place: Andhra Sugar Factory, Bhimadolu

Class: B.A.

Number of Students Participated: 25

Number of Lectures Participated from the Department: P. Bhaskar Rao, Lecturer in History

Purpose: To Understand the Historical Evolution of Sugar Manufacture and Distribution in Modern Times

Detailed Report:

On February 21, 2020, an insightful field visit was organized for the students of B.A. to the Andhra Sugar Factory located in Bhimadolu. This visit was not merely an exploration of contemporary industrial processes but a journey through the historical evolution of sugar manufacture and distribution, providing students with a profound understanding of the socioeconomic impact of this vital commodity.

Accompanied by their history lecturer, P. Bhaskar Rao, twenty-five students embarked on this educational excursion, eager to delve into the historical roots of the sugar industry. The significance of this visit lay not only in witnessing the modern techniques of sugar production but also in tracing the historical trajectory that has shaped the industry into what it is today.

As the group arrived at the Andhra Sugar Factory, they were greeted by the towering structures and bustling activity that epitomized modern industrialization. However, beneath the veneer of modernity lay a rich tapestry of historical narratives waiting to be unraveled.





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The visit commenced with a guided tour of the factory premises, where students were introduced to the intricate machinery and processes involved in sugar production. Yet it was the historical insights provided by their lecturer, P. Bhaskar Rao, that added depth and context to the observations.

During the tour, Mr. Rao drew parallels between the contemporary industrial setup and the historical antecedents of sugar production, tracing its origins back to ancient civilizations such as Mesopotamia and the Indian subcontinent. He elaborated on the pivotal role played by sugar in shaping global trade routes, colonial expansion, and the emergence of modern capitalism.

As students explored the various stages of sugar production, from cane crushing to refining, they gained a newfound appreciation for the labor-intensive methods employed in earlier times. Mr. Rao's elucidation of historical documents and accounts painted a vivid picture of how sugar cultivation and processing evolved over the centuries, from small-scale artisanal practices to large-scale industrial operations.

Furthermore, the visit provided students with insights into the socioeconomic ramifications of sugar production, including its links to slavery, indentured labor, and the plantation economy. By examining archival materials and artifacts on display at the factory, students were able to contextualize their understanding within broader historical narratives of exploitation and resistance.

In conclusion, the field visit to the Andhra Sugar Factory, Bhimadolu, served as a bridge between the past and the present, enabling students to appreciate the historical forces that have shaped the modern sugar industry. Through the guidance of their lecturer, P. Bhaskar Rao, students gained a holistic understanding of sugar manufacture and distribution, rooted in its historical context. This experience not only enriched their academic knowledge but also fostered a critical appreciation for the complex interplay between technology, labor, and society throughout history.





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## *Rajapangidigudem village*

Title of the activity: Field Visit

Date: 21.12.2019

Place : Rajapangidigudem village

Class: III B A

No. of students participated : 6

No. of Lectures participated : 1



*The relics of fort*

### **Brief Report :**

On December 21, 2019, the Department of History organized a field visit for third-year Bachelor of Arts (BA) students to the Rajapangidigudem Zamindari fort, located in Rajapangidigudem village, Dwaraka Tirumala Mandal, West Godavari District. The purpose of the visit was to provide students with practical insights into the historical significance of zamindari systems, particularly within the context of local governance and administration.

The zamindari system, which emerged during British colonial rule, was initially established by the East India Company in 1793. This system involved the granting of land revenue rights to

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local landlords or zamindars in exchange for tax collection duties. The zamindars considerable power and influence within their respective territories, often acting as intermediaries between the colonial administration and the local populace.

Among the notable zamindars associated with the Rajapangidigudem Zamindari were Sri Raja Bommadevara Venkata Narasimha Naidu and Shri Raja Bommadevara Naganna Naidu Bahadur. These zamindars played significant roles in the socio-economic and political landscape of the region during their tenure.

The field visit provided students with an opportunity to explore the architectural and historical aspects of the Rajapangidigudem Zamindari fort. The fort, presumably constructed during the reign of the zamindars, served as a stronghold for governance and defense purposes. Its design and structure reflected the strategic considerations of the time, featuring fortified walls, watchtowers, and other defensive features.

During the visit, students engaged in guided tours of the fort, learning about its history, architecture, and the socio-economic dynamics of the zamindari system. They also had the opportunity to examine artifacts and inscriptions within the fort premises, gaining insights into the daily life and governance practices of the zamindars and their subjects.

Overall, the field visit to the Rajapangidigudem Zamindari fort provided students with a hands-on learning experience, allowing them to contextualize theoretical knowledge gained in the classroom within real-world historical settings. It fostered a deeper understanding of the complexities of colonial-era governance structures and their enduring impacts on local communities.



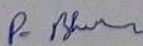



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### **III BA students and the incharge of the department of History in the field**

Outcome of the visit: The BA students' visit to the Rajapangidi Zamindari fort provided valuable insights into local history. They explored the fort's architecture, artifacts, and learned about the zamindari system. This hands-on experience enriched their understanding of historical governance structures and local heritage.

  
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## UNDAVALLI CAVES AND AMARAVATI ON 06.02.2021 VIJAYAWADA



Title of the Activity: Field Visit to Undavalli Caves and Amaravati of Vijayawada

Date: February 6, 2021

Places Visited:

Undavalli Buddhist Caves

Amaravati

Class: B.A.

Number of Students Participated: 12

Number of Lectures Participated: 1 (P. Bhaskara Rao)

Detailed Report:

On February 6, 2021, a captivating field trip unfolded as students from the B.A. class embarked on a journey to explore the historical wonders of Undavalli Caves and Amaravati, nestled in the heart of Vijayawada. Led by their lecturer, P. Bhaskara Rao, twelve students ventured forth to delve into the rich tapestry of history and culture enshrined within these ancient sites.

The day commenced with a sense of anticipation as the group set foot in Undavalli, a site renowned for its remarkable Buddhist caves dating back to the 4th to 5th centuries CE. As the students traversed the labyrinthine corridors and marveled at the intricate rock-cut architecture, they were transported back in time to an era of flourishing Buddhist art and spirituality. Guided by their lecturer, P. Bhaskara Rao, the students delved into the symbolism and significance embedded within the cave sculptures, gaining insights into the religious and cultural milieu of ancient India.



Following their exploration of Undavalli Caves, the journey continued to Amaravati, a sacred site steeped in history and mythology. Here, amidst the serene surroundings of the Amaravati Stupa, students were enveloped in the aura of ancient wisdom and artistic mastery. Guided by their lecturer, P. Bhaskara Rao, the students immersed themselves in the stories inscribed upon the stupa, deciphering the narratives of the Buddha's life and teachings depicted through intricate carvings and sculptures.

Throughout the excursion, P. Bhaskara Rao's erudition and passion for history infused the journey with depth and meaning, enabling students to glean profound insights into the cultural heritage of their land. As they basked in the grandeur of Undavalli Caves and Amaravati, students were inspired to contemplate the enduring legacy of India's rich artistic and spiritual traditions.



Group in the field

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## FIELD VISIT

**2021-2022**

**Guntupalli**

Title of the activity: Field Visit

Date: 20.02.2022

Place: Guntupalli

Class: B A

No. of students participated: 12

No. of Lectures participated: 1

### **Brief Report :**

Guntupalli, located in the West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh, India, has historical significance as a place associated with Buddhism. While it may not be widely recognized as a major Buddhist site today, historical evidence suggests that Buddhism had a presence in the region during ancient times.

During the ancient period, particularly between the 3rd century BCE and the 3rd century CE, Buddhism flourished in various parts of India, including Andhra Pradesh. The region was home to several Buddhist monasteries, stupas, and other religious establishments, indicating the prevalence of Buddhist teachings and practices.

The Godavari Delta region, where Guntupalli is situated, was strategically located along ancient trade routes and river networks, making it conducive to the spread of Buddhism. Buddhist monks and traders likely traveled through the area, disseminating Buddhist teachings and establishing monastic communities.

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While specific historical records or archaeological findings directly linking Guntupalli to Buddhism may be limited, the presence of Buddhist artifacts, inscriptions, or remnants of ancient structures cannot be ruled out. Many nearby areas in Andhra Pradesh, such as Amaravati, Nagarjunakonda, and Ghantasala, are renowned for their Buddhist heritage and have yielded significant archaeological discoveries related to Buddhism.

Given the region's historical context and its proximity to other Buddhist sites, it is plausible that Jeelakarragudem may have had connections to Buddhism in antiquity. Further research, archaeological excavations, and exploration of local folklore and traditions may provide additional insights into the Buddhist history of Jeelakarragudem and its surrounding areas.



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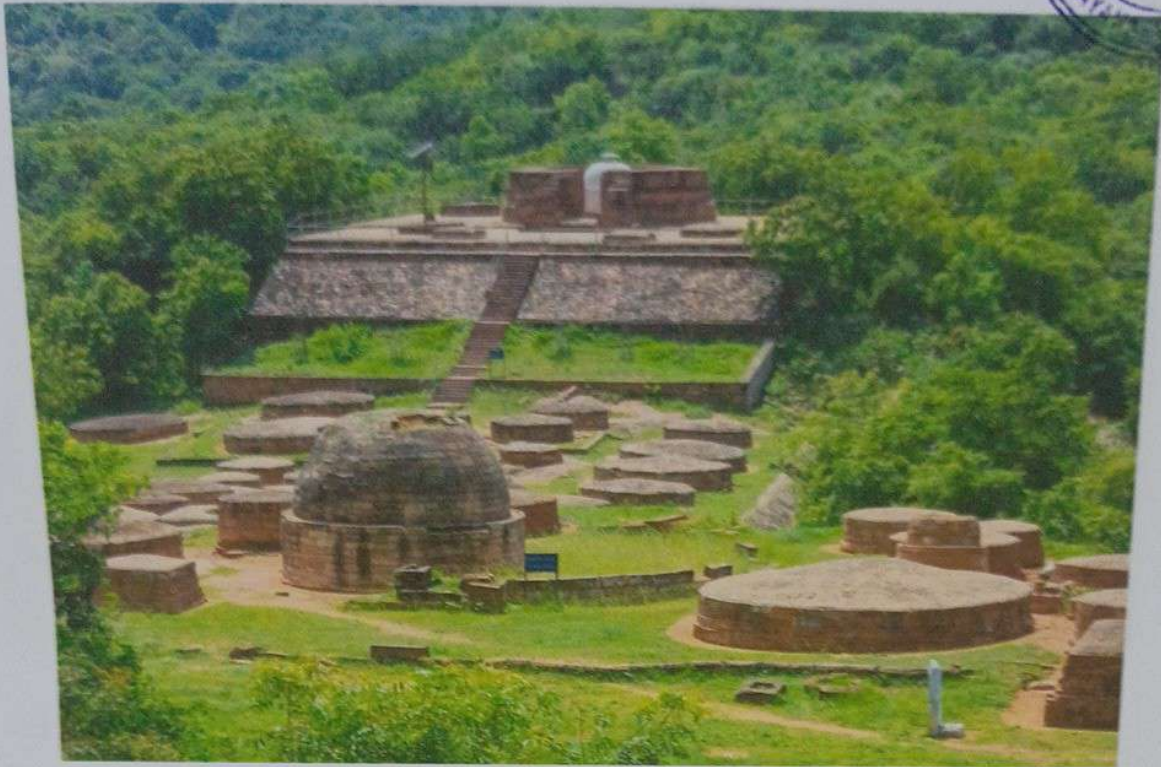
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The ancient Buddhist monastery

Outcome of the field visit: The field visit to Guntupalli offered BA students a valuable learning experience, enhancing their understanding of the town's history and culture. Through exploring landmarks and engaging with local customs, students gained insights into Guntupalli's significance, fostering interdisciplinary learning and personal growth.

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## VISIT PRISON JOHNSON TILES FACTORY, CHEBROLU ON 22.02.2022



Title of the activity: Field Visit

Date: 22.02.2022

Place: Tiles factory at Chebrolu

Class: B A

No. of students participated: 15

No. of Lectures participated: 1

Introduction:

The field visit to the tiles factory at Chebrolu was organized for the BA class on 22nd February 2022. The purpose of this visit was not merely to observe the industrial processes but also to delve into the historical significance associated with the tiles manufacturing industry.

Importance of History in Tiles Manufacturing:

Evolution of Techniques: Understanding the historical context of tiles manufacturing sheds light on the evolution of techniques and technologies. From the ancient times of handcrafted tiles to the modern methods involving machinery and automation, the journey reflects human ingenuity and innovation over centuries.

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**Cultural Significance:** Tiles have played a pivotal role in various cultures across the globe. Exploring the historical roots of tile-making unveils its cultural significance, from the designs of Islamic tiles to the vibrant patterns of Mediterranean tiles. Each design tells a story of the society, its values, and its aesthetic.

**Architectural Heritage:** Tiles have adorned the walls, floors, and ceilings of numerous architectural marvels throughout history. By studying the historical use of tiles in architecture, students can appreciate the beauty and craftsmanship of ancient structures while gaining insights into the socio-economic conditions and artistic trends of different eras.

**Trade and Globalization:** The history of tiles manufacturing is intertwined with trade routes and globalization. The exchange of ceramic techniques and designs along ancient trade routes such as the Silk Road facilitated cultural exchange and influenced artistic styles across continents.

**Environmental Impact:** Exploring the history of tiles manufacturing allows us to trace the environmental impact of different production methods over time. From traditional kilns to eco-friendly manufacturing processes, understanding the historical trajectory helps in evaluating sustainable practices for the future.

#### **Conclusion:**

The field visit to the tiles factory at Chebrolu provided students with a holistic understanding of the historical, cultural, and technological aspects of tiles manufacturing. By appreciating the historical significance of this industry, students can better comprehend its role in shaping societies, cultures, and economies throughout history.

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## FIELD VISIT

**2022-2023**

### Jeelakarragudem



Title of the activity: Field Visit

Date: 31.07.2022

Place: Jeelakarragudem

Class: B A

No. of BA students participated: 19

Lecturer in charge: P. Bhaskara Rao



Students and the staff in the field

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On July 31, 2022, a group of BA students, accompanied by faculty members, embarked on a field visit to explore the remnants of the Buddhist monastery located in Jeelakarragudem town, nestled in the scenic West Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh. Despite the absence of resident monks, the site holds immense historical significance and serves as a tangible link to the region's Buddhist heritage.

### Journey to Jeelakarragudem:

The journey commenced early in the morning from our educational institution, with a sense of anticipation and scholarly curiosity among the students. As we traversed through picturesque landscapes, discussions on the historical relevance of Buddhism in Andhra Pradesh laid the groundwork for our exploration.

### Arrival and Site Overview:

Upon reaching Jeelakarragudem, we were greeted by local guides who provided an overview of the historical significance of the Buddhist monastery site. Although devoid of resident monks, the site remains a sacred testament to the region's rich Buddhist legacy, attracting visitors from far and wide seeking to connect with its spiritual past.

### Exploration of the Monastery Site:

Led by our knowledgeable guides, we embarked on a guided tour of the monastery site, consisting of ancient ruins, remnants of meditation chambers, and weathered stupas. Despite the passage of centuries, the site retained an aura of tranquility and reverence, offering visitors a glimpse into its storied past.

### Highlights of the Visit:

**Historical Insights:** Our guides provided fascinating insights into the history of the monastery, detailing its origins and significance within the broader context of Buddhist heritage in the region.





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**Architectural Remnants:** We marveled at the architectural remnants scattered throughout the site, including intricately carved pillars, crumbling walls, and weathered sculptures, each bearing silent witness to the monastery's former glory.

**Cultural Appreciation:** The visit provided us with a deeper appreciation for the cultural and spiritual significance of Buddhism in Andhra Pradesh, underscoring the enduring legacy of its teachings and traditions.

**Reflection and Contemplation:** Amidst the serene surroundings of the monastery site, we engaged in moments of reflection and contemplation, allowing the profound teachings of Buddhism to resonate within our hearts and minds.



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### Conclusion:

The field visit to the Buddhist monastery site at Jeelakarragudem offered students a poignant reminder of the region's rich cultural heritage and spiritual legacy. Despite the absence of resident monks, the site continues to serve as a cherished pilgrimage destination and a source of inspiration for all who seek to connect with its storied past.





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As we departed from Jeelakarragudem, our hearts were filled with gratitude for the opportunity to witness firsthand the enduring legacy of Buddhism in Andhra Pradesh. The experience left an indelible impression on our minds, reaffirming our commitment to preserving and honoring the region's cultural heritage for generations to come.

### Outcome of the field visit:

The field visit to the historical Buddhist monastery site at Jeelakarragudem proved to be an enriching and enlightening experience for all participants. Through exploring the remnants of the monastery site, students gained a deeper understanding of the region's rich cultural and historical heritage, particularly its Buddhist legacy. The guided tour provided a unique educational opportunity for students to apply theoretical knowledge gained in their BA program to real-world historical settings, fostering educational enrichment. Additionally, the visit fostered a greater appreciation for the cultural and spiritual significance of Buddhism in the region, encouraging moments of personal reflection and contemplation amidst the serene ambiance of the monastery site. Engaging with local guides and residents further enhanced community engagement, contributing to a sense of cultural exchange and mutual appreciation for the region's heritage. Ultimately, the visit served as inspiration for future exploration and research into topics related to Buddhism, archaeology, and ancient civilizations, highlighting the importance of experiential learning in fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation for our shared human heritage.

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