

## Trip to Jaipur

Date: 01 - 02 November' 2019

Venue: Jaipur, Rajasthan

An educational trip is crucial for uplifting the spirit as well as to bring forth dynamism in teaching-learning process. **Gitarattan Institute of Advanced Studies and Training** organized an educational tour/Trip to Jaipur - for two days 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019 for the students of B.Ed and D.El.Ed. The purpose was to bring them close to the roots of Indian Heritage, reduce stress of everyday life and to impart knowledge of our ethos. On 1<sup>st</sup> November they traveled to Jaipur by bus in a group of 52 along with their teachers. On reaching Jaipur at 11 am, after the delicious breakfast, they headed for the famous City Palace, which included the Chandra Mahal and Mubarak Mahal palaces and other buildings. The buildings served as the seat of the Maharaja of Jaipur, the head of the Kachwaha Rajput clan. The students then visited the Chandra Mahal palace which, now, has been converted into a museum. On the same day students were then taken for site seeing at Jantar-Mantar, where they were told about how in ancient times, predictions used to be made by studying the stars and planets. In the evening they visited Birla Mandir. The experience of Birla Mandir Temple took them a step closer to God since they were able to join the Aarti. After aarti & darshan of the deity, the teachers sat inside the temple for a little with the students who then clicked amazing photographs. The experience was absolutely divine. After the temple, they visited Chowkidhani where student-teachers enjoyed the fair and the traditional Rajasthani cuisine. It offered a blend and range of traditional and modern amenities in an ethnic environment. The students relished their delicious meal in pure Rajasthani style.

First day of their tour ended with the soulful experiences of visiting cultural heritage, palaces and temple with a touch of Rajasthani gourmet.



On the second day after the delicious and healthy breakfast students were taken for sightseeing of iconic Hawa Mahal which is a palace in Jaipur. It was made with the red and pink sandstone. On the very same day they explored Bapu Market in Jaipur to shop and settle for lunch. After lunch they headed for Amber Fort in Jaipur, where they saw various tunnels built for the protection and the iconic glass room and various other artifacts. There were various costumes displayed over the counters. Student-teachers enjoyed the story of Amber Fort narrated by the local guide. It was a place where the students could capture the beauty & culture of this historical city. Their experience about the forts and palaces was enriched with such an exposure. On 2<sup>nd</sup> November after the tea, they all left for Delhi. Indeed it was a memorable tour. Jaipur, the pink city of the beautiful state of Rajasthan is a sign of magnificence and poignancy. It is the first planned city of India and the largest city of Rajasthan. The trip to Rajasthan turned out to be a memorable experience for both the pupil teachers as well as the staff. Needless to say the fond memories of the trip will forever walk down in their remembrance.

