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THE OUTBOUND PROGRAM 2015

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Finally the much awaited and anticipated Outbound program arrived on the 12th and 13th of April 2015. The students were excited to the core and in all 102 students joined the touring party. All the students were divided into groups of 12-13 members and were assigned to the 8 student coordinators. The tasks of checking attendance and discipline were given to the student coordinators. The student coordinators reported to the central student coordinator. The central student coordinator in turn reported to the faculty coordinator. So a very neat reporting structure was created which worked very efficiently. The touring party was accompanied by 6 staff members. The program was coordinated by Joha Adventures Private limited.



The journey commenced on the night of 11th April 2015 at 10 pm from GBS campus. Two buses and one tempo traveller were arranged for the travel. We arrived at 6 am at Pune.

On day one, after having our breakfast, we proceeded to the National Defence Academy (NDA) situated at Khadakvasla on the outskirts of Pune. As we entered in to the vast campus of NDA, our expectations just sky rocketed. The words at the entrance of the main building read "CREATOR OF GENTLEMEN & WARRIOR" enamored us. Next, we proceeded to the aircraft hangar where 2 seater chetak engine powered aircrafts were stationed. The personnel explained us the physical features of the aircraft in terms of length, breadth, wing span, flying speed, fuel capacity etc. Usually they conduct two sorties a day, one in the morning and one in the evening. From here on we proceeded to the auditorium. We were shown a 20 minute video clip on the life of an NDA cadet. The course encompasses both strategic thinking as well as a tough physical regimen. Physically the cadets are pushed to the limits up to the point where the body becomes irrelevant and its all about the mind driving you to your destination. It was a great experience to see young men training for combat roles and the ultimate high was their pass out parade. They train for hours and hours together to get everything right in their parade. It's no surprise that they can give a flawless guard of honour to the visiting dignitaries. From here on, we moved to the museum where we were shown various kind of weaponry in the defence arsenal, war memoirs, portraits and achievements of outstanding NDA cadets who went on to achieve laurels for the country. General Khetrapal was one among them who laid down his life for the country and was awarded the Ashok Chakra. All this was a proud and humbling moment for all of us. NDA truly stands for discipline, teamwork and leadership of the highest class.

In the evening the students had a nice time shopping for their friends and family.

On day two, after having our breakfast, we proceeded to the Adlabs IMAGICA water park situated 85 kms off Poona on the Poona –Bombay expressway. The journey was of 3 hours and we reached the location at around 12.15 pm. The students and staff had a great time for the next 7 hours as

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they enjoyed the various water games at the park. Finally we left the park at 8 pm. On the way we had our dinner at a local restaurant and reached Hubli at 7 am on Tuesday.

The accommodation was good, the food was decent and all the students were well behaved throughout the journey. I thank all my student coordinators and my staff colleagues for assisting and supporting me throughout the tour.

