

Report on Educational Exposure Tour 2026



The Educational Exposure Tour for selected students from various government colleges across Sikkim took place from 13th to 21st January 2026. The tour covered three cities — Jaipur, Delhi, and Agra — with travel primarily by trains and luxury buses. Students visited major historical sites in each city, accompanied by informative sessions from the tour guides. They were joined by several faculty members, officials from the Department of Education, the organizers, and the guides, who ensured that the trip was safe and well-managed throughout.

To a young person from a small town this tour was a ticket to explore — if not all but at least a small part of the country and its well known and celebrated vibrant culture.

Jaipur, which is also known as the “Pink City,” still held the ancient relics of its past. The architecture of the city remained similar to what it has been — as though it was a place untouched by time and heavy western influence. Great efforts had been put into preserving the historic walls of the city and the traditional design could be seen bleeding into modern houses, even if it’s just the windows or the balcony or the doors of the houses. The forts we visited were magnificent and it felt like stepping into a historical Bollywood movie — a world where fantasy and history blend together and overwhelm the senses. A personal favourite was the Jantar Mantar which were the remains of an ancient institute for research and learning. A plethora of instruments and structures which were built to study astrology, geography, time, etc. stood there and one couldn’t help but wonder and stand in awe of the knowledge hub which fostered great minds in that era.

Delhi, the capital city was just as one would expect — fast and crowded. The well developed infrastructure of the “seen” areas would make anybody rethink the general stereotypes that outsiders have of the country. The city still has the remains left by the Mughals, which are an artistic masterpiece even to this day. The outstanding structure and carvings on each monument— or rather the existence of these monuments themselves give us a glimpse of the creative vision that the Mughals had in terms of art and literature. Every historic landmark we visited had a special background, and so it felt like stepping into the history books that we studied back in school and experiencing it firsthand. Among the Mughal architecture were sprinkles of some major landmarks of the country which held equal value and are constantly updated as a museum of records for what the Government of India has done. The monuments stood between the busy lives of the people who

moved around them naturally as they faded far away into the dim fog of the extremely suffocating AQI of the city.

Agra, which housed the very iconic “symbol of love” did not disappoint. The Taj Mahal was a dream come true and it is understandable why people from all around the globe travel so far and wide to marvel at its sight. The beautiful marble monument looked even more marvelous in real life and it truly lives up to its reputation. One could perhaps stare at it for eternity and still be amazed at how beautifully and meticulously it was built. The other palaces at Agra were also not short of anything but amazing with beautiful rooms and gardens from the Mughal rule.

Apart from the educational purposes of this tour, it also served as a platform for students from various institutions to come together and socialize with each other. In between the travels to these iconic landmarks, moments of fun were squeezed inside the buses with music blasting loudly and everyone singing along to tunes that resonated with each individual. Despite being from different institutes and fields of study, being together in a shared space naturally forced everybody to form bonds that helped create wonderful memories. Not just the students but even the teachers and guides joined in and made the trip a beautiful memory for every participant.

As the tour ended, there were echoes of laughter and tears of sadness at the separation. Although most of us started out as strangers, by the end of all the travelling and learning we separated as a family bound together by a special memory. It was a successful trip — an amalgamation of knowledge, learning, exploring, friendships, and a whole lot of fun.