Educational-cum-excursion tour to Jaipur-Nainital-Jim Corbett
January 6-10, 2017

“The world is a book and those who don’t travel read only one page.”

Student Affairs Committee of Jaipuria Jaipur organized an Educational-cum-excursion tour to Jaipur-Nainital-Jim Corbett from January 6-10, 2017. A group of 43 members along with Dr. Lokesh Vijayvargy, Dr. Babita Jha and Ms. Ayushi Sharma went on the trip.

The exciting journey began from Jaipur itself, where the students boarded their train to Delhi from Jaipur railway station on 6th of January at 5:40 PM. The students were excited and eager for the trip to begin.

On 6th January 2017, after a night long journey from Delhi via bus they finally reached their destination, the beautiful city of Uttarakhand - Nainital. They went through the hills full of greenery and beauty of nature. They reached Hotel Dynasty in Khurpatal, had breakfast and were set for the day -1 of the journey. Around 11 am, they were set out to explore Tallital and the scenic beauty around. However, the group was surprisingly showered with snowfall and within a matter of minutes, the surroundings were entirely covered with snow. They students were so excited to see the snowflakes that they stepped out of our cars immediately and started playing and throwing snow at each other. Once they were through with the traffic jam, we headed towards the Naini Lake and mall road. Despite the continuous drizzling, everyone enjoyed the street food, roadside shopping and the extremely cold and wintery weather. The group came back to
the resort in the evening and rested after which they all joined together to have dinner.

On the second day, the sun rose and the cold breeze marked the day full of adventure and excitement. In the morning the whole group had their palatable breakfast at the hotel and left for sightseeing at Nainital. The students went to see the beautiful snow covered China Peak via Ropeway which itself was an adventure for the students. The place was covered with bright snow and was breath-taking. The students played with snow, clicked pictures and enjoyed the serene view from the spot. After which few students went for boating in the Naini-Lake while, other students went shopping and strolling down the mall road. They even fed the ducks swimming in the lake. The student also explore industry to see various type of candles and other products.
A group of students went to Bhimtal which is a town and a Nagar Panchayat in Nainital District (Uttarakhand) 22 km away from Nainital. Bhimtal is situated at an altitude of 1370m above the sea level. The place was comparatively less crowded than Nainital, with a small number of boats. It was quiet and peaceful. The students strolled around the lake. After which the students went to “I Heart Café” to have snacks and re-energize them. All the students then came back to the resort where a small DJ party was organized for the students. A cake was also cut in the celebration of the success of trip by Dr. Lokesh Vijayvargy and Mr. Akshat Jhalani (Coordinator) who helped a lot the college to organize the trip. The students danced to the beats of the songs and enjoyed themselves, after which they had their dinner.
“In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks.”

On the third day, the group left for Jim Corbett early in the morning and checked into “The Roar Resort” which was conveniently located in Corbett, Parfait. The Roar Resort was a great base to explore the city. It offered easy access to the city’s must-see destinations. The resort provided the most exhilarating experience.
The group had delectable food. The students enjoyed the luxurious amenities in the premises of the resort. The students went to the huge Adventure Park of the resort where they rode the desert bikes and played other fun games. After refreshing themselves with a sumptuous lunch they all were set for the destination of the day. It was time for to get ready for the first jeep safari. The excitement was high among the group as it was a novel experience. They then headed to the most awaited Jim Corbett National Park. It was an official tour but the students smashed the trip in one of the most memorable events of their life. For an avid nature lover and an adventure enthusiast, a visit to Jim Corbett National Park is a must. This place is the oldest national park of India and comprises 520.8 km area of hills, riverine belts, marshy depressions, grass lands and large lake; not to mention the diversity of the flora and fauna present.
At the entrance to this zone, after verifying all the identities, they met their guides. The guide informed them about the rules to be followed within the park. The groups were asked not to get out of the jeep without instruction, not to use flash on cameras and to strictly refrain from teasing animals. He then proceeded to talk about the park and said that it housed over 110 tree species, 50 species of mammals, 580 bird species, and 25 reptile species. The star attraction is, of course, the endangered Bengal Tiger, around 200 of which are present in the forest. The ease with which the jeep traversed the hard and rugged terrain of the park was astonishing. Whether it be big pebbles or steep inclines, the jeep almost carelessly cut through all this as if it were just another normal road.
Soon after entering the park, the first animal to grace us with its presence was the spotted deer. Then the wild encounter was with the herd of giant Asiatic elephant. They came in front the jeeps. The herds seemed to be intent on running deeper into the grasslands whenever jeeps passed them by. Following this, they proceeded to a rest house to for a short break to refresh themselves.

After the break, they drove deeper into the forest and given the density of the vegetation, it became harder and harder to spot animals. They saw the Sambhar Deer, the biggest of its species and the favorite meal of tigers. Soon after, they came across the smallest of the same species, the barking deer. The animal had camouflaged itself almost perfectly.

After a while tusker gave the way and the groups headed towards the deep jungle of the Corbett in search of Royal Bengal Tiger. A group of 10 students including the faculty members was the lucky ones who spotted the tiger which was enough to send a chill down the spine. The Majestic animal walked in front of the jeep which was thrilling and gave an adrenaline rush.
After coming from the National Park, a small camp fire was organized for the students to enjoy and warm themselves. The students played games and danced around the fire and then proceeded to have delicious dinner at the resort itself.

On 10th of January, the whole group was all set to travel back to Delhi by bus from where they boarded their train to Jaipur Junction.

The students and the faculty member had a great time and made beautiful memories full of adventures which they could cherish for a lifetime.

Here are the experiences of few of the students.

“Trip started from Jaipur to Delhi and Delhi to Nainital. Created lots and lots of memories in train to Delhi and after that in Bus to Nainital. Everybody was very much excited for our first destination – Nainital – one of the most beautiful hill stations of India where weather was rainy and climate was “Thanda – Thanda, Cool – Cool.” It was simply wonderful driving there and the cool breeze, the tall Deodhar etc trees made me feel top of the world. Soon the hill road started and after driving around 20-22
kms we reached Khurpatal and checked in to our hotel Dynasty Resorts. We were so excited that we wanted to fly over there within a few minutes, we didn't have patience to wait and stare and see snow fall all around at Mall road. We had lunch and moved to the mall road and found lots of snowfall and rain. Nainital is considered as one of the most beautiful hill stations of India. Nainital Lake- The climate was very cool. We had warm clothes with us. After taking breakfast on 2nd day we came out of the room and decided to enjoy boating in the Nainital Lake. It was just in front of our eyes. It is also known as Naini Lake situated in the heart of the city. We enjoyed the beautiful and scenic views of the surroundings all around the lake and many of the students went to Rope way to see china peak and some of us to bhimtal. Trips like Wildlife are never short of enjoyment, excitement and, at times, disappointments. As lucky the rains did not followed us from Nainital all the way up to Corbett. We were welcomed to Corbett by sunny weather. We reached and checked in to Parfait the Roar Resort which was very huge and beautiful with his own amusement park. On the same day we were booked with our safaris. We all were excited to see tiger and other wild animals. However, we were blessed with some awesome sightings of birds like the Asian Paradise Flycatcher, Mottled Wood Owl Other than these, we saw numerous Spotted Deer, Sambars, Wild Boars, and some Elephants. But no tiger to me but I was happy that many of my friends and faculties were very lucky to see tiger. We, obviously, could not verify that fact. Nevertheless, this was our first trip as a group together and a first time most of the others were experiencing a jungle. It was indeed a memorable experience and enjoyed all the sightings despite not being able to see the Tiger. Some of us found new bonds while some discovered a whole new love for the wild. At night we enjoyed bonfire with delicious dinner. Lastly I would like to thank all my juniors, with them I enjoyed a lot and created many unforgettable memories.”

- By Akshat Jhalani

“Nainital trip was an exciting and adventurous experience of my life. This trip was also special to me because on this trip I have experienced snowfall for the first time in my life and also spent
quality time with friends that proved to be like the icing on the cake. The ropeway gives us some of the magnificent scenic views of the snow-covered mountains. Apart from Nainital I also got a chance to go on a jungle safari at JIM Corbett National Park and the journey through the jungle thrilled me upside down. Also to mention as we are part of the selfie-lover generation, I have captured many moments that I will cherish throughout our life. Overall it was a memorable voyage for me.”

-By Shubham Khurana

“Journey with friends is like a whole life experience, that could not be forgettable i.e. I create a good memorable moment for my life. Nainital literally means ‘Lake of the Eye’. While boating in the Nani lake we all gone crazy and fearless about the depth of the water. Then the time came to eat something, we went to the shop and behaving like a child “bhoo k lagi hai khana do”, because of the cold breeze. Now the real excitement begins, when we were a china peak via ropeway and at the top, the scene was like that the snow was falling on the road and covers the whole area. Snow was everywhere. Snow fight was the best ever experience of my life. At tallital, we also used our marketing skills. Even though it was a fun activity, we try to sell a product and luckily we did it (doing such type of activity with the unknown audience gives you the zeal to do it because at that time you do not have a fear to get disrespect from others. The time comes to move to “Jim Corbett National Park”, where we got the opportunity to saw the real beauty of the forest and that was truly a great experience. Heartfelt thanks to Dr. Lokesh Sir & Senior Akshat Sir for giving me such an amazing opportunity. “Now the journey of my life begins, searching for such more beautiful experiences.”

- By Bharat Jain
“The trip to Nainital was the best trip of my entire life as I visited Uttrakhand for the first time. It’s a very beautiful place and if I get a chance I would visit it again. I even saw snowfall which changed the whole beauty of nature. Jim Corbett was an adventurous experience for me where I enjoyed a lot.”

- By Ritu Kanojia

“One of the advantages and disadvantages of living in the western region of the country is that we never get to witness snowfall but, this vacation gave me an opportunity to see snowfall which was memorable. The jungle safari ride was exciting. I even got a chance to see a tiger and a wild elephant. It was a thrilling experience as the tiger was very close to our jeep. I even had a great time in the adventure park of the resort in Corbett. I rode an ATV bike which was amazing.”

- By Devendra Kumar Sharma

“This was a much-needed vacation just after the second trimester to detoxify me from the burden of the exams. I had a great time with my friends and even the faculty members. I have been to Nainital many times but it was a new experience to visit it while it was covered with snow. It was mesmerizing to see this beautiful place in this weather. I thank Jaipuria for giving us this opportunity to visit it again with my friends.”

- By Sonali Angelina Samuel

“The trip to Nainital, was full of enjoyment and adventure which made it a memorable part of my life. Some of the best parts of the trip were the snow fight, clicking pictures, eating Maggie and drinking coffee in the cold weather which made the trip even better.”

- By Himanshu Goyal
“This vacation was much awaited as it gave us an opportunity to enjoy with friends that too in such beautiful places. The trip was full of adventures as we went for trekking and played with snow. This trip with my close knit group of friends has made the beginning of the new year amazing.”

- By Ashish Gupta

“I have returned home but my soul is still somewhere in those hilly roads, among the tall trees and the breezy atmosphere. What a wonderful and an unexpected start to the year!”

- By Harshita Daga

“A photographer's eyes are always finding something that beckons him to capture it and make it a memory for a lifetime. This entire trip was full of such visual treats and I am glad I have come home with the most priceless shots.”

- By Rohit Shivran