

TRIP TO AGRA

“It’s better to see something once than to hear it thousand times”

India is a country of rich culture and centuries of history and tradition of its own. It is full of places which are rich in tradition, are important historically, economically, politically, or sociologically. The diversity that it presents baffles the people because the diversity is not only geographical but social and cultural as well.



To explore and experience the diverse Indian culture, the school organized a 3-day trip to **Agra-Bharatpur-Kheetam**, from September 30, 2016-October 2, 2016.

On September 30, 2016 the students left at 6:00 a.m for **Soor Sarovar Bird Sanctuary, Kheetam**, which houses the Agra Bear Rescue Facility under Wildlife SOS. There they saw the rescued bears and

also watched a heartwarming film on dancing bears highlighting interesting stories of their rescue and rehabilitation.

Moving next, the students were taken to explore the rural village of **Kachhpura** and **Mehtab Bagh**, giving an introduction to Mughal Agra, its architecture and the myths that surround Taj Mahal.

On the second day, they took the heritage walk



of the famous **Agra Fort** and the magnificent **Taj Mahal**. Then they proceeded towards their next destination, **Bharatpur**.

At Bharatpur, the young explorers became an enthusiast bird watchers, exploring **Keoladeo National park** with several species of Cranes, Pelicans, Geese, Ducks, Eagles, Hawks, Shanks, Stints, etc. They also experienced the excitement of nature safari to view the birdlife

of the national park with an expert naturalist.

Lastly, they visited **Fatehpur Sikri** exploring the beautifully adorned pavilions of Sikri built by Akbar in the 16th century, famous as the Ghost City.

This trip provided the young minds a shared social experience and the opportunity to encounter and explore novel things in an authentic setting.



