

Report on IT Tour,2022

While the life of a student is filled with days that one spends perfecting their knowledge, time must always be taken off, maybe to indulge oneself in exploration or even some other activity to just keep the mind fresh and functioning. To serve this very purpose, the student of the Department of Computer Science and Applications, under the banner of the Information Technology Club and under the guidance of our teachers, Mr Prashanta Mangar, Mr Praveen Mukhia Titimus and Mr Jayanta Loha conducted the IT Tour for 2022. The destination of the tour was decided and the location, Digha, was selected.



The 20th of April was a bright and sunny day, and the waves of yellow of the IT Club T-shirts assembled in front of the college premises had made the day even brighter. The students waited eagerly for the vehicles to arrive so that they may finally set off to warmer lands below. As the vehicles finally arrived, the convoy of seven cars departed and marked their first destination, the Siliguri Junction. A symphony of murmurs, songs and voices were heard from each car, all excited to visit new places and gather new experiences. Before the convoy could reach Siliguri, a short stop was made at Garidhura, so that everyone may have a hearty lunch before boarding the trains at the Junction. Once everyone had settled, it was here the first signs of heat became apparent, as now all were sure that the air of Darjeeling was long behind us. Arriving at the Siliguri Junction, students were asked by our guardians and teachers to wait patiently as there was still some time left for the train to arrive. Students took this to get habituated



to the heat, by changing into clothes more suitable. The echoing horn of the train could not have come too sooner, as the train finally arrived with the group boarding and marking their next destination as Kolkata. Night had already fallen long before all had boarded the train, and our teachers made sure that all were present and well situated in the train compartments. As the party settled in, some lay wide awake, suspended and animated by the sea of lights and colours, as they blurred past the moving train. The journey would take the group next to Kolkata, specifically Sealdah.

Morning came early for the students and teachers. The sun had already come up, and the train continued steadily towards its destination. Arriving at Sealdah, the heat waves took their toll, with the party wishing for the cool winds of Darjeeling once again. Thankfully, our tour guide was ready and waiting for us, equipped with two large AC buses, which proved to be indispensable. Before going anywhere, the first stop would be at a Seva Kendra located in Sealdah, where dormitories had been provided for the travellers, so that they may freshen up. After a brief stop, first in the list of sightings was the main reason why the tour was kept in the first place. A visit to the Indian School of Ethical Hacking, an institute specializing in protecting people digitally from various threats. Once there, all

were greeted heartily by the ISOEH faculty. The faculty seated the group inside their institution, as they talked greatly on the matter of digital security, and how college students, such as the one visiting could apply themselves to the cause. The insight provided by the s



peaker was tremendous and highly knowledgeable, and as the students walked out, all were taking back with them something or the other. Boarding the buses once again, a new mood set upon the group, as the new destination that was coming up was none other than the beaches of Digha. Murmurs of noise came like a wave once this realization was made, while our transport set off once again, this time further to the south, towards the sea.

After a long journey, with a short lunch stop in the middle, we arrived in Digha. The sun had set behind the horizon, exiting the buses, the group walked wearily towards the accommodation that was provided for the night, Hotel Ishani International. With rooms being allotted to all the students, dinner was served by the hotel staff. After dinner, all retired to their rooms, taking a much-needed rest after the long travels, which were far from over.

Morning arrived with a hearty breakfast and people discussing all the sights they would see while touring the beach. Climbing the buses once again, the transport set off firstly for a beach nearby. The cool winds of the sea marked our arrival. The glorious sea was in front of the travelling party, and all could not help but be mesmerized by the sight. The water seemed to stretch out to infinity, it seemed to go even beyond. Walking alongside the beach truly made one feel at peace. The second stop on the list was a nearby Science City, an exhibition gallery displaying and explaining



different phenomena pertaining to the subject of Physics mainly. Returning to the hotel once again, and after having lunch there, the party proceeded to travel to another beach, concluding the travels for the day. Before returning to the hotel, the students were allowed to free roam the bazaars of Daigha, allowing them to experience the city with their friends in a much freer manner.

The next morning was an early one for a small group of students, who opted to go for a walk with teachers Mr Praveen M Titimus and Mr Jayanta Loha. The small group proceed to take a morning walk towards the closest beach to the hotel for a short but brisk morning walk. After having breakfast, the party conveyed their thanks to the hotel staff and departed for the last stop, Mandarmani Beach, which would conclude the travels in Digha. Mandarmani seemed like a collection of stimuli and was a wonderful place to visit, with an array of markets and stores, along with another beach. After having their fill, the party



left for Kolkata once again where the train awaited at Sealdah.



Catching up to the almost midnight train the group settled in once again, as the train would journey back to Siliguri, this time to the New Jalpaiguri Station. Sleeping in, everyone was reminiscent of the time they had, but tired eyes finally closed as the students finally fell asleep. The train rumbled on towards Siliguri and eventually towards home. The rattling and rumbling woke up the travelling group, they were nearly back. As they hastily readied themselves to alight off the train, the station pulled up with the noises of cars and hawkers took over the clattering of the train. A

second convoy waited at the station and a similar stop to Garidhura was made until finally, the troop arrived in Darjeeling on 24th April

Experiences such as these tend to be valuable experiences for all parties involved, as they tend to teach all that the world has in store. The trip was not only for excursion purposes but was also an educative one. Students not only were able to see sights not previously seen but also learned about the nuances of Ethical Hacking. All in all, the experience was enriching and educative.