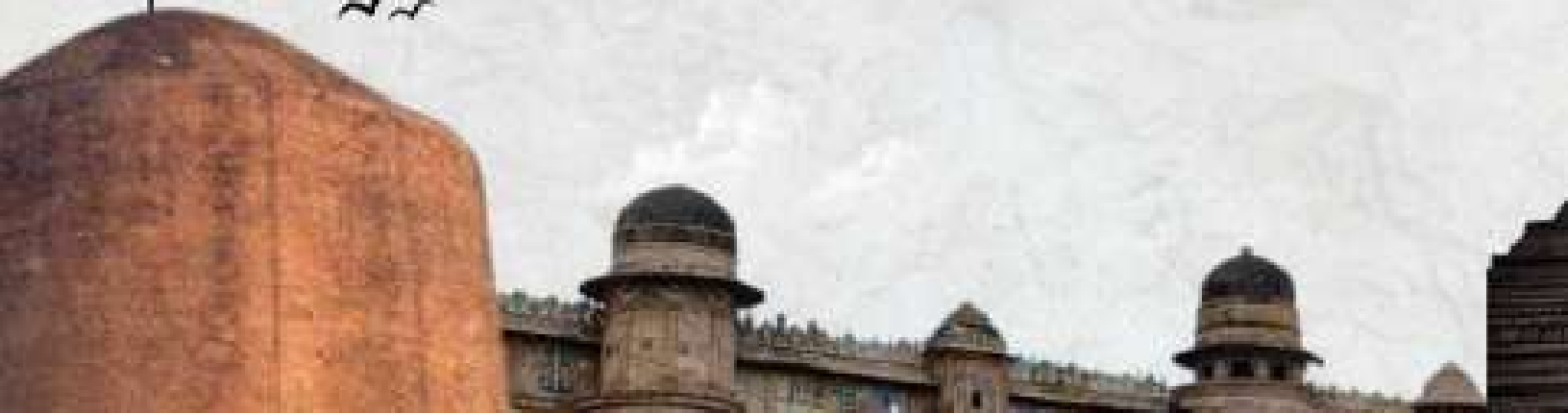




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and timeless heritage.



Student Learning from a Heritage Visit to Gwalior

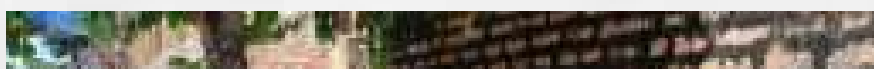
GWALIOR FORT IS ONE OF INDIA'S MOST MAGNIFICENT HILL FORTS AND IS OFTEN CALLED "GERRA GARH INDIA" BECAUSE OF ITS STRONG NATURAL DEFENCES AND STRATEGIC LOCATION. SITUATED ON A SANDSTONE HILL ABOUT 180 METERS ABOVE THE CITY OF GWALIOR, THE FORT HAS WITNESSED MORE THAN 1,000 YEARS OF HISTORY. IT IS A FETTERING EXAMPLE OF INDIA'S ARCHITECTURAL Brilliance, MILITARY PRIDE, AND RICH CULTURAL TRADITIONS.

STUDENT REFLECTION

"OUR TRIP TO GWALIOR FORT WAS AN UNFORGETTABLE LEARNING EXPERIENCE. WE EXPLORED MAGNIFICENT PALACES, ANCIENT TEMPLES, AND IMPRESSIVE ROCK-CUT SCULPTURES THAT REFLECTED INDIA'S GLORIOUS PAST. WE LEARNED HOW WELL-PROTECTED THESE MONUMENTS WERE, ADMIRING THE ARTISTRY AND SKILL OF HINDUVA CIVILIZATION. AND UNDERSTOOD THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE. THIS EDUCATIONAL TRIP STRENGTHENED OUR APPRECIATION FOR HISTORY, CULTURE, ARCHITECTURE, AND RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP."

CONCLUSION

GWALIOR FORT IS NOT ONLY A HISTORICAL MONUMENT BUT ALSO A LIVE CLASSROOM WHERE STUDENTS CAN EXPERIENCE HISTORY, ARCHITECTURE, CULTURE, AND HERITAGE CONSERVATION FIRSTHAND. A VISIT TO THIS FORT INSPIRES CURIOSITY, PATRIOTISM, AND A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD PROTECTING INDIA'S RICH CULTURAL LEGACY.



LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASS

SARNATH EXCURSION

THE EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO SARNATH PROVIDED STUDENTS OF SUNBE WITH A MEMORABLE OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT CLASSROOM LEARNING WITH RICH HERITAGE. DURING THE VISIT, STUDENTS LEARNED AND OBSERVED:

BIRTHPLACE OF BUDDHISM: THEY LEARNED THAT SARNATH IS THE SACRED BIRTHPLACE OF BUDDHISM. GAUTAMA BUDDHA DELIVERED HIS FIRST SERMON AFTER ATTAINING ENLIGHTENMENT, MARKING THE BEGINNING OF THE SPREAD OF BUDDHISM.

HISTORICAL MONUMENTS: STUDENTS EXPLORED THE MAGNIFICENT DHARMARAJA STUPA, ANCIENT MONASTERY RUINS, GAINING INSIGHT INTO INDIA'S ARCHITECTURAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL HERITAGE.

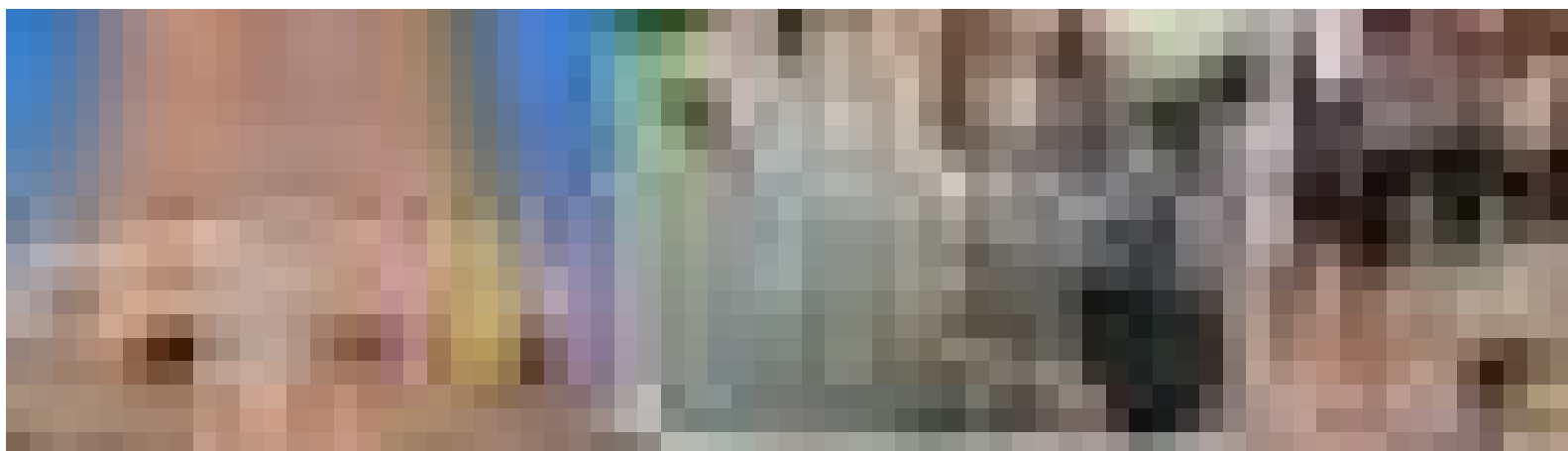
NATIONAL SYMBOL OF INDIA: THEY SAW THE REMAINS OF THE FAMOUS LION CAPITAL AND LEARNED THAT ITS LION CAPITAL IS THE NATIONAL EMBLEM OF INDIA.

MUSEUM LEARNING: AT THE SARNATH ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM, STUDENTS VIEWED ANCIENT SCULPTURES, INSCRIPTIONS, AND BUDDHIST RELICS, UNDERSTANDING THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESERVING CULTURAL HERITAGE.

VALUES OF BUDDHISM: THE VISIT HELPED STUDENTS UNDERSTAND THE VALUES OF PEACE, COMPASSION, NON-VIOLENCE, KINDNESS, AND TOLERANCE, WHICH ARE RELEVANT IN TODAY'S WORLD.

ART AND ARCHITECTURE: THEY APPRECIATED THE BEAUTIFUL CARVING OF MONASTERIES, AND BUDDHIST TEMPLES, ENHANCING THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF INDIAN ART AND ARCHITECTURE.

IMPORTANCE OF HERITAGE CONSERVATION: STUDENTS REALIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF PROTECTING AND PRESERVE HISTORICAL MONUMENTS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.



EXPLORING HISTORY AT CHUNAR FORT

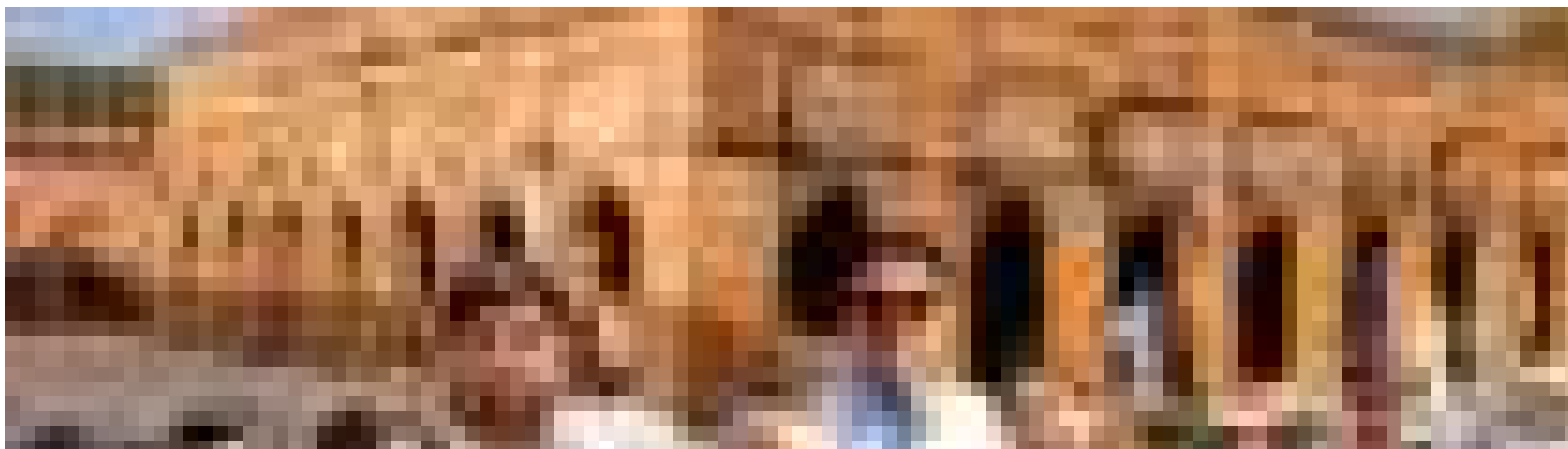
A JOURNEY INTO INDIA'S GLORIOUS PAST

THE STUDENTS OF SUNBEAM SCHOOL, BALLIA EMBARKED ON AN EDUCATIONAL EXCURSION TO CHUNAR FORT, MIRZAPUR, ONE OF THE MOST MAGNIFICENT HISTORICAL LANDMARKS. NESTLED ON THE BANKS OF THE SACRED RIVER GANGA, THE FORT STANDS AS A TIMELESS SYMBOL OF ARCHITECTURAL BRILLIANCE, AND INDIA'S RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE.

DURING THE VISIT, STUDENTS EXPLORED THE FORT'S ANCIENT MASSIVE WALLS, WATCHTOWERS, AND HISTORIC STRUCTURES, LEARNING ABOUT ITS ASSOCIATION WITH SEVERAL GREAT RULERS, INCLUDING SHIVAJI, SURI, THE MUGHALS, AND THE BRITISH. THE GUIDE SHARED FASCINATING STORIES ABOUT THE FORT'S STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE, LEGENDS, AND ITS ROLE IN SHAPING INDIAN HISTORY.

THE VISIT ENCOURAGED STUDENTS TO OBSERVE HISTORICAL MONUMENTS, UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF HERITAGE CONSERVATION, AND APPRECIATE THE CULTURAL LEGACY PASSED DOWN THROUGH GENERATIONS. THEY ALSO WITNESSED BREATHTAKING PANORAMIC VIEWS OF THE SURROUNDING AREA, MAKING THE EXPERIENCE BOTH EDUCATIONAL AND MEMORABLE.

THIS HERITAGE EXPEDITION BEAUTIFULLY REFLECTED THE SPIRIT OF "LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM," INSPIRING STUDENTS TO CONNECT WITH THEIR ROOTS, DEVELOP RESPECT FOR INDIA'S RICH HERITAGE, AND BECOME CUSTODIANS OF OUR CULTURAL TREASURES.



TEACHER CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM

CONTINUOUS LEARNING PROGRAM

TEACHER'S RECOGNITION

The teachers of Sunbeam School, Ballia proudly received certificates after successfully completing the Heritage Awareness Programme conducted in collaboration with INTACH. This certification recognizes their dedication to promoting heritage conservation, cultural preservation, and experiential learning. The programme enriched their understanding through visits to heritage sites, including Bharat Kala Bhavan and the Banaras Beads Manufacturing Unit. The knowledge and experience gained will further inspire teachers to make heritage education more engaging and meaningful for students.



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BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

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LEARNING EXPEDITION TO KONARK SUN TEMPLE – DISCOVER ARCHITECTURAL BRILLIANCE



The students of Sunbeam School, Ballia embarked on an enriching learning expedition to the Konark Sun Temple, one of India's finest architectural masterpieces and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The visit provided a unique opportunity to explore the rich cultural, historical, and artistic heritage of our country.



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THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA: A TIMELESS OF STRENGTH



The Great Wall of China - A Monument of Determination

Stretching across mountains, valleys, and deserts, the Great Wall of China is one of the world's most remarkable engineering achievements. Built over two thousand years ago by successive Chinese dynasties, the wall extends for more than 21,000 kilometres. It was constructed primarily to protect the Chinese Empire from invasions and to safeguard important trade routes.

The Great Wall is not a single continuous wall but a network of walls, fortresses, watchtowers, and military outposts. Millions of workers—including soldiers, artisans, and local communities—contributed to its construction

In 1987, the Great Wall was inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site because of its outstanding historical and cultural significance. Every year, millions of visitors from around the globe explore its majestic pathways and learn about China's rich history.

For students, the Great Wall teaches an important lesson: great achievements require vision, dedication, and collective effort. Just as the wall has been preserved for future generations, we too have a responsibility to protect our own cultural heritage and historical monuments.

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The Red Fort – A Symbol of Glorious Heritage

The Red Fort, popularly known as Lal Qila, is one of India's most iconic monuments and a proud symbol of the nation's rich cultural heritage. Located in the heart of Delhi, this magnificent fort was built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan in 1639. When he shifted his capital from Agra to the newly established city of Shahjahanabad, he chose this site for its strategic location. Using striking red sandstone, the fort derives its name from its massive walls and bastions which rise up to 33 metres in height.

Spread over nearly 255 acres, the Red Fort is a masterpiece of Mughal architecture, blending Persian, Timurid, and Indian artistic traditions. Within its imposing walls, there are several remarkable structures, including the Lahori Gate, Diwan-i-Aam (Hall of Public Audience), Diwan-i-Khas (Hall of Private Audience), Rang Mahal, Mumtaz Mahal, and the beautifully designed royal gardens known as the Hayat Bakhsh Bagh. The fort is renowned for its intricate carvings, elegant arches, delicate floral motifs, and flowing water channels, showcasing the architectural brilliance of the Mughal era.

The Red Fort holds immense historical significance beyond its architectural grandeur. It witnessed the rise and decline of the Mughal Empire, the events of India's independence, and the country's emergence as a sovereign nation. Every year on August 15th, the Prime Minister of India hoists the national flag from the ramparts of the fort and addresses the nation, making it a powerful symbol of India's freedom and democratic values.

Recognizing its outstanding cultural and historical importance, UNESCO inscribed the Red Fort as a World Heritage Site in 2007. Today, it attracts millions of visitors from all over the world who come to admire its grandeur and learn about India's remarkable history. Conservation efforts continue to preserve this architectural treasure for future generations. The Red Fort teaches us that monuments are more than magnificent buildings; they are living witnesses to history. By protecting such heritage sites, we honour the legacy of our ancestors and ensure that future generations remain connected to India's rich cultural legacy.



SURHA TAL - THE PRIDE OF BALLIA'S W



Surha Tal Achieves Global Recognition as India's 100th Ramsar Site

Surha Tal, also known as the Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary in Ballia, has earned international recognition as India's 100th Ramsar Site, a Wetland of International Importance. This prestigious honour highlights the ecological importance of the wetland, which provides a safe habitat for a wide variety of resident and migratory birds, aquatic life, and diverse plant species. Every winter, thousands of migratory birds visit Surha Tal, making it one of eastern Uttar Pradesh's most significant bird habitats and a valuable centre for biodiversity.

The Ramsar designation is a major milestone for Ballia and reflects India's strong commitment to wetland conservation and sustainable environmental management. It will strengthen conservation efforts, encourage scientific research, promote eco-tourism, and create greater awareness about the importance of protecting wetlands. This achievement is a matter of great pride for the local community and inspires students and citizens to actively participate in preserving our natural heritage for future generations.

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EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Readers,

It gives us immense pleasure to present the new edition of our Heritage Club Newsletter. Heritage is not merely a collection of monuments and artifacts; it is the living legacy of our culture, traditions, and history. Through this newsletter, we aim to inspire young minds to explore, appreciate, and protect our rich heritage that defines our nation.

The activities, educational visits, and experiences featured in this edition reflect the students' enthusiasm for discovering and preserving remarkable cultural treasures. We hope this encourages every reader to become a responsible custodian of our shared heritage.

Let us continue to celebrate our past, learn from it, and preserve it for generations to come.