

MKV Trip to Akshardham-2008

Visiting Akshardham 29th January 2008

Matri Karuna Vidyalaya has once again bagged a phenomenal treat from Mother's Blossoms. Neither its teacher trainees nor the young ones could have dreamed of experiencing the exciting enriching and entertaining excursion on 29th January 2008.

Loaded with 41 children, and 12 adults, the school bus waded through the highly congested Delhi traffic and made it to Akshardham. Our young passengers squealed with delight at the awesome pink and white complex. After the security check, while Mohini Anand stood at the reception organizing tickets which included films, exhibitions, a boat ride and musical fountains, MKV children sat cross legged, chanting prayers. A volunteer briefed them about what they were about to see and the expected code of behaviour.

Escorted by a guide we went through several chambers seeing glimpses of Swami Narayan's life on a giant screen and in the form of sculpted 3 dimensional scenes recreated in authentic surroundings. And of course the stone carvings did not go unnoticed. The older children thoroughly enjoyed reading the labeled displays depicting the significance of love for God's creation and conserving our natural resources and wild life. Robots of various sizes, waving about their limbs while speaking, particularly captured their attention. All the exhibits were viewed in total silence.

Then came the boat ride through a passage of history that claimed to cover 10,000 years of past glory. Charming scenes of humanity aesthetically landscaped on both sides of the canal kept the stars in the viewers eyes glowing. Not to mention the gaping mouths which rarely closed.

Musical fountains, in spite of the chill in the air were enjoyed in total silence. One of the youngsters later commented that he felt he was a part of the dancing waters!

Last but not the least is the visit to Premvati Food Court. Here our crowd tucked into samosas, biscuits and juice, cleared the tables and walked away in an orderly manner.

While recapitulating almost all the children were able to express and record their experience. One of them spoke strangely in favour of discipline, staying together, speaking softly and neither littering nor spoiling the surface of the magnificent structure. What more can we ask for? The excursion made a difference to every little visitor and the trainees. Thank You, Blossoms!!