RURAL INDIA EXCURSION- INCOMING EXCHANGE STUDENTS

The exchange students made a visit to Rural India under experiential learning program. The exchange students visited **Neemka Village and Khajpur village**.

The first stopover was at **Birla Vidya Centre**, a school opened recently by BIMTECH under Ranganathan Society. The school caters to the underprivileged students in the vicinity of Pari Chowk. It currently has 38 students of different age groups having enrolled for the first time in a school. The school has enrolled 15 women to empower them through education - an initiative of BIMTECH.

The students then headed for Neemka village.

 The school at NEEMKA village is a primary school. The exchange students got a warm welcome from the school children. The principal welcomed in the typical Indian style, by putting tilak on the forehead and garland around the neck. The school children sang the welcome song and gave dance performance displaying the cultural ethnicity of the village. Some of the exchange students joined the school children in the dance performance.

 The exchange students gave their introduction and later distributed sweets among the school children. The head teacher showed us the school, introduced to other teachers and showed us the computer lab, before leaving for Khajpur village.

The ride to Khajpur village, which is 2 km away, was interesting on the tractor trolley. On reaching Khajpur the village Pradhan welcomed all the students in his house. He showed his farmhouse and offered tea and refreshments. The students had a good time meeting the elderly people of the village including the womenfolk. They interacted with them and tried to understand life in the village and the daily household chores that keeps them busy.

The event was organised by the member secretary of Ranganathan Society under the direction of Sr. Librarian and Proctor- Students Welfare of BIMTECH.

 It was a memorable day for the exchange students.