

Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat is Programme for Promoting National Integration through systematic exchange between paired institutes' states/UTs in the cultural, language, cuisine, festivals and clothing etc. With ref. to the letter dated on 8/11/2019 from AICTE, the Ministry of Human Resource & Development has selected our Institution, Rajeev Gandhi Memorial College of Engineering and Technology, Nandyal Andhra Pradesh for pairing with Mata Gujri College, Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab.

In this regard, a group of 100 students were selected to form EBSB club of the institution. As per the instructions of AICTE, Teacher exchange programme was conducted by RGMCET,Nandyal, AP from 16/01/2020 to 21/01/2020. Two teachers **Dr. J.Sofia Priya Dharshini, Coordinator of EBSB** and **Mr. S. V. Ratan Kumar** from RGMCET were sponsored for EBSB Teacher Exchange Programme by the parent Institution. We started to Punjab on 13/01/2020 and reached the paired institution, Mata Gujri College on 15/01/2020 in the evening. The college has provided very good accommodation for the two teachers.



**Day1:** Teacher Exchange Programme Inauguration. The EBSB coordinator Dr. Mukesh Kumar of Mata Gujri college gave an introduction speech. Dr. Kashmir Singh Principal of the college gave a welcome address and appreciated the efforts of our Institution RGMCET for initiating EBSB visit. Next, the EBSB coordinator Dr.J.Sofia Priya Dharshini briefed the objectives of EBSB visit and presented RGMCET corporate video to the delegates. Next, the culture of Andhra Pradesh was also demonstrated for the gathering. Dr.Karan paul briefed the prominence of Punjab in the afternoon session. Finally, Ice breaking session was conducted for a period of two hours and the session was closed with thanks from paired Institute Coordinator.



Day2: The college has arranged visit to Chandigarh to visit few historical places. Four faculties Dr Kamal Preeth, Mr.Karan Paul, Smt.Man Preeth and smt. Kamal jeeth saroa from Mata Gujri College accompanied us. We visited Rock garden which is a sculpture garden of Nek Chand Saini, a self taught Indian artist. It consists of man-made interlinked waterfalls and many other sculptures that have been made of scrap and other kinds of waste

(bottles, glasses, bangles, tiles, ceramic pots, sinks, electrical waste, broken pipes, etc.) which are placed in walled paths. There is also a Dolls Museum inside Rock Garden. The museum comprises 200 rag dolls made from waste cloth. The dolls were made by Nek Chand in the 1970s. We visited Sukhna Lake which is the venue for many festive celebrations, too. The most popular is the Mango Festival held during the monsoons when scores of varieties of mangoes are on display. From time-to-time, other food festivals featuring specialties from different Indian States are also held here, along with cultural performances.



**Rock Garden 1** 

**Day3:** We started to Wagh border, Punjab to attend the flag ceremony and reached there by 3 pm. Two faculty coordinators Dr Jithendher Singh and Dr. Davindher Singh from MGC accompanied us. The ceremony was for one hour with huge crowds of Indians. The Border Security Force has showcased their patriotism with parade. The coordinator was given chance to hold the national flag on such a prestigious ground. It can be noted as a life time achievement and felt very honored and proud to be an Indians on that platform. After attending the ceremony, we returned to Amristar and stayed there for night.





**Day4:** We reached Amristar which is the most significant shrine. We participated in the religious feast provided near the Golden Temple at Guru Ram Das Langar. Early morning we went for Temple Darshan. It was one of the most sacred place of Punjab and was the holiest Gurdwara and the most important pilgrimage site of Sikhism. The temple is built around a manmade pool that was completed by Guru Ram Das in 1577 which is now managed by Shiromani Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee (SGPC). We learnt their prayers and devotion. we visited Jallianwala Bagh massacre situated near the Golden temple of Amristar.





**Day5**: First we visited the Gurudwara its name is **GURUDWARA SHRI FATEHGARH SAHIB**. There was great story behind the construction of GURUDWARA. The story was the two younger sons of **Guru Gobind Singh** were bricked alive by Wazir Khan (governor of Sirhind in 1705) because they refused to convert from Sikhs to Muslims. And listening to this, her grandmother was dead as she jumped from top of the building.







Then we visited a model village khera. The sarpanch of that village is one of the old student of the Mata gujri college. In that village there is one Dental clinic which is running under the Rotary Club, UK. The Sarpanch of the village honored us.



**Day6**: It was the most memorable day. We the two faculties were honored by the Principal of Mata Gujri College. We also felicitated the nodal officer Dr.Kashmir Singh and Dr.Mukesh kumar.We exchanged our greetings and the day ended with cultural events.





