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### **GOVERNMENT P.G COLLEGE, DHARAMSALA**

# Sightseeing (Heritage Sights: Fort Kochi & Mattanchery )- 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020

# The second day of sight-seeing was planned to some of the most popularly intriguing cultural spots of Kerala. After a scrumptious breakfast, the group set on for Fort Kochi and Mattanchery, teo places so steeped in history and culture of all its diverse occupants. Situated in the Ernakulam district, Fort Kochi is the first European Township in India. Over years from the day the Portugese docked at the harbour, Fort Kochi and the adjacent Mattanchery has evolved into a unique cultural identity. Trailed with beaches, Churches and historical monuments and museums, the trip through Fort Kochi and Mattanchery was an experience in itself. The students and the teachers couldn't help but marvel at the still standing spectacular European buildings, which carried with them the rich scent of history. After visiting the Indo-Portugese Museum, Mattanchery Dutch Palace, the Church, the Jewish Synagogue, Aspinwall House and the exotic Spice Market, the group spent a relaxing morning at the shopping areas near the beach. They walked around and purchased several exotic items that were home to this stunning tourist locale