



Dakshinachitra

The Cultural Crossroad!

-Exchange Programme between Luxembourg and India

A potpourri of emotions- nervousness, happiness, and excitement, rent the air as the eight students of PSBB Nungambakkam and KK Nagar- Netra, Mahak, Sri Mahalakshmi, Anvita, Madhavi, Jebran, Rishi, and Asmi of class 11, waited at the airport to welcome their counterparts from Luxembourg, on the night of 22nd January 2020. Two teachers from LBM, Mr di Stasi and Mr Roland, and Ms Fernando, the secretary of the school accompanied the students from Luxembourg.

A number of trips to various places were organised in order to give the team a satisfying experience during their stay.

The visit to Dakshinachitra on 24th January 2020 revealed the artistic culture of India which was well appreciated. The students were left spellbound by the splendid singing at the Gaanathon, an IMCTF event, in the evening. The splendour of the ISKCON Temple captivated the team on the morning of 25th January and they marvelled at the beautiful pictures and idols in it. This was followed by a visit to the Shore Temples at Mahabalipuram. On Sunday, the 26th of January, the students witnessed the Natyathon, an event put up by the IMCTF, showcasing 2000 Bharatnatyam dancers dancing to famous Indian songs. A visit to the Egmore Museum, Kapaleeshwarar temple and Santhome church on 27th January further deepened their admiration of ancient Indian architecture and history.

The team witnessed the Inter-PSBB Debate finals on the 28th of January at PSBB KKN and enjoyed the war of words. This was followed by a yoga session in the Silver Jubilee Hall of KK Nagar which they found an enriching experience. In the evening, the team visited Chokhi Dhani, which gave them an insight into the cultural life of villages in Rajasthan. Another serene yoga session took place on 29th January which was followed by the 16 students showcasing their talents in a cultural show, while also highlighting the importance of pollution control.

The Hindu Spiritual Fair at Guru Nanak College on 29th January gave the students an idea of Hinduism and spirituality. The temples of Kanchipuram took the team's breath away on 31st January. The weekend saw all 16 students spending time with each other at Pandy Bazaar, as well as an eventful lunch. They were even taken to various other places of interest by their host families. The night of 2nd February was filled with sadness, uncertainty, and nostalgia as the students and teachers of PSBB bade farewell to the team from Luxembourg. It truly was an unforgettable experience, to be cherished and treasured.

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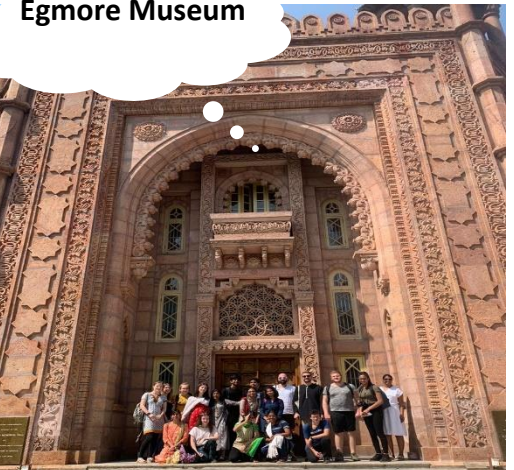
**Reporter,
Cyber Pigeons, PSBB NGM**



ISKCON



Egmore Museum



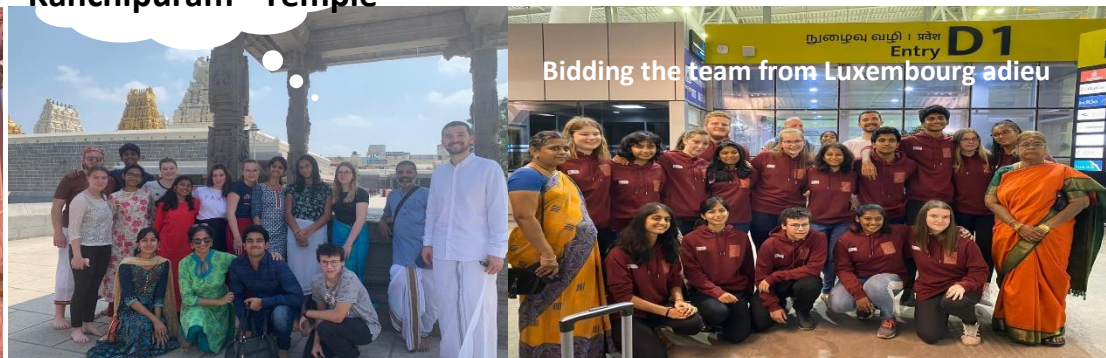
Pancha rathas-
Mahabalipuram



Chokhi Dhani



Kanchipuram - Temple



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