

REPORT ON STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME FOR ST. PIOUS X DEGREE & P.G. COLLEGE, HYDERABAD

Rapporteur: Department of Social Sciences

20-28 Jan. 2020: A novel idea of a Student Exchange Program in Hyderabad was initiated for the exchange of ideas, culture and thoughts, with the students of St. Pious X Degree College, Hyderabad and the students of School of Liberal Studies (SLS), Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University (PDPU). This initiative gave scope to achieve the vision and the objectives of SLS in enriching vibrancy. The whole process began to articulate from the month of September under the guidance and leadership of Prof. Nigam Dave, Dean and Director, SLS, PDPU. This idea took concrete shape in the month of December and took place from 20th - 28th January, 2020.

The program was coordinated by Dr. M Venkat Ram Reddy and Mr. Mukund Shukla, faculties, School of Liberal Studies. The success of this program lay in the team work of all the faculty & staff of SLS. We thank and congratulate all for making this event memorable.

The event kick-started with the inauguration on 20th January. The students were on a campus tour in the morning to experience the world-class infrastructure and the diversity on campus. They were enthralled by the way the academic infrastructure and facilities were provided to the students at PDPU. They enjoyed the Gujarati dishes provided at cafeteria. They were happily sharing their experiences after seeing the wonderful green campus.

The orientation program on 20th January 2020, began post lunch with the inauguration of SEP-Hyderabad by Dean and Director, Prof. Nigam Dave in the presence of the heads of different departments, faculty and staff. Head of the departments, Prof. Pradeep Malik, Prof. Ashwin Dave and Dr. Prashanta Panda gave their valuable insights to the students. The orientation program continued with a faculty interaction with students followed by a brief introduction of SLS and PDPU by Dushyant Dave (manager SLS), an introduction of OSAIL and Club activities by Pooja and Team from the OSAIL office, Importance of Yoga in Daily life by Dhaval Rajyaguru, Interaction with S&C committee president and the Sports President of PDPU, Introduction to Center of Continuing Education by Dr. Venkat Krishnan, Assistant Professor, SLS.

From 21st January to 23rd January we arranged special sessions for the students, by the SLS faculty apart from the regular classes.

Special sessions have been taken by:

Prof. Nigam Dave on Leadership

Prof. Pradeep Malik on Gandhian Thought

Dr. Prashanta Panda on micro economics in the contemporary world

Dr. Ritu Sharma on Emerging trends in Psychology

Dr. Vaibhav Shah conducted an exercise on Reading & learning practice

Dr. Harmik Vaishnav on Corporate communication

Dr. Sanjay Pradhan on the international Relations with reference to turmoil in Middle East

Dr. Neeta Sinha on Understanding Human Behaviour through experimental analysis

Dr. Sriram on Comparative Administrative systems

Dr. M Venkat Ram Reddy on Public Policy analysis

Dr. Nausheen Nizami on Market Economics

Dr. Urmi Satyan on modern English literature
Dr. Niyati Trivedi on performing Arts and theater
Mr. Manoj Sahoo on Micro Economics
Mr. Mukund Shukla on Trends in Media and Communication

On 24th January, a valedictory program was conducted in which a special lecture was delivered by Dr. Prashanta Panda, followed by a cultural program where the students from both, St Pious and SLS had participated. It was a thrilling experience where few students of St. Pious X shared their memories of PDPU and Ahmedabad. The students were given a certificate of participation as well.

On 25th January, the students were taken for an Industrial Visit to AMUL dairy cooperative and AMUL chocolate factory. Public Administration major students, along with the students from Hyderabad, participated in this visit. This exposure enriched their academic profile in understanding the functioning of cooperatives. On the same day while returning they visited Gandhi Ashram and Sabarmati River front.

On 26th January, the students visited the Statue of Unity and returned back on same day. On 27th January, they travelled to Somnath and returned to Hyderabad on 28th January. The student exchange program was a fantastic experience.







