

DUKE OF EDINBURG'S- IAYP, GOLD AWARD RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMME

Visit to Village Ghamroj

The IAYP Gold Award participants of class XII visited village Ghamroj for a three days residential project from 19th to 21st December 2023. Their first stop was a brick factory where they got the opportunity to see the process of making bricks and gained the practical experience of working at this site. They interacted with the workers and their children to understand their problems, daily routine and livelihood conditions. Students took a tour of the factory. They along took an exciting tonga ride. Altogether they had an enriching excursion.

On the second day of the programme, the participants went to see the local dam in the village. They explored the area through trekking in the foothills of the magnificent Aravali located in Ghamroj village. A scenic trek through the dry forest during a chilly winter morning was followed by a fun round of team-building games like kabaddi through which they learnt to communicate and play together as one team. The students then moved to the heart of the village, giving back to the community by cleaning up the area.

On the last day of the residential program, the students witnessed the major difference in their way of living and that of people who come from heterogeneous pluralistic society. To begin with, the students visited Vivek Model School where they taught children of grades 6th to 9th, followed by an enlightening skit on the topic of 'Anti-Bullying'. This was followed by an interview with the Sarpanch of the village, who spoke to them about the villagers and the working of a Panchayat. Status of actual implementation of Governments' flagship scheme namely 'Ujjwala Yojana' 'Swachh Bharat Mission' 'Beti Bacho Beti Padhao' 'Jan Dhan Account' and 'Pradhanmantri Garib Anna Kalyan Yojan' 'Senior Citizen and Widow Pension Scheme' etc. They learnt about the problems faced by them including medical emergencies for which they have to visit doctors in the city.

The students then got to see the inside view of a local house in the village where they learnt to make *rotis* and prepare food in the same way as the locals. They prepared their own *rotis* by hand. *Bajre ki roti and kadhi chawal, makki ki roti and sarson ka saag* are the local delicacies of the winters.

The visit to the village was an interesting and fruitful experience for the young learners.