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### Tour Report

### Aurangabad - Ellora - Ajanta - Yeola

Symbiosis School of Planning Architecture and Design has conducted study tours in the month of September. The study tour was planned for an architectural site visit at Ajanta, Ellora and weaving cluster at Yeola from 24th September 2022 to 28th September 2022. The objective was to understand the rock cut architectural and details process in historical structures. Also, a study on loom & weaver communities at Yeola, as weaving is the primary occupation. Total no. of 64 students from B. Arch. (2020-25 batch) and B. Des. (2020-24 batch) programme.

This Study tour was organized under the guidance of Dr. Nandini Kulkarni, Deputy Director, SSPAD, and was managed by BLUE-WINGS Nagpur. Total 3 Faculty members Dr. Purva Mange, Mr. Pritam Paraye and Ar. Patahmesh Waliokar along with Medical Officer Dr. Chirantan Joshi was there for the functioning of the 5 day tour.

#### Day-wise Schedule:

Day 1:

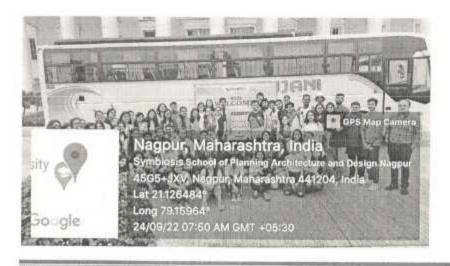
24th Sept. 2022

The journey kicked off from SSPAD campus.

All students along with faculties gather at Institute and with full of enthusiasm the journey started for Aurangabad and reached to destination at 09.00 PM in night.

08:00 AM	Departure from SSPAD Nagpur
09:45 PM	Arrival to Aurangabad
10:00 PM	Check-In to Hotel
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### Day 2 25th Sept 2022

The second day of the tour started with an early morning Breakfast and the bus departed for Ajanta 111km away from the hotel Skycourt. Buses reached with students at Ajanta at 11: 00 AM. With one shorter trip of 20 min by shuttle bus at Ajanta students reached the base of the site. By the time SSPAD reached the site, it was lunchtime, So students started the visit after having lunch At 12:45 PM with a professional guide.

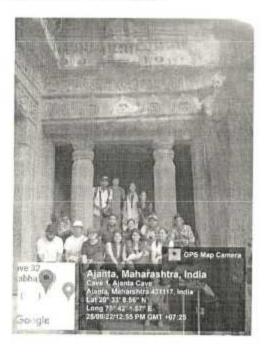
Students started acquiring knowledge about each and every cave. The Guide Mr. Nasir Ahmed explained the rock-cut architecture and fresco of all the caves and stressed and extend with in-depth knowledge, on important caves like no 1, 4, 10, 16, 17, 19, 24 and 26. Guide also explained the architectural differences between the types of caves of 'Stupa' and 'Vihar'. After visiting the all the caves students were interested in having a glance of all this from the view point so they climbed ~300 steps, and it was all worth as not only the view of caves but also the plateau above was a stunner. Students also got clicked some group pictures clicked by local photographers when they got down to head back toward the shuttle bus to head back to Aurangabad.

#### Schedule:

The buses left the hotel in the morning.

All students gathered at hotel foyer, Excitement for the first visits was clearly seen

07:00 AM	Breakfast at hotel
08:00 AM	Departure from Hotel
11:45 AM	Arrival to Ajanta
12:00 PM	Lunch time
12:45 PM	Visit Tour started
04:45 PM	Visit Ended
05:00 PM	Shopping hour at Ajanta
06:00 PM	Departure from Ajanta
08:45 PM	Arrival at Hotel





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#### Day 3:

### 26th Sept. 2022

The buses left the hotel in the morning.

All students gathered at hotel foyer, Excitement for the visits was clearly seen. Third Day visit was planned for Ellora. After reaching ~08:45Am at the site, visit started at 09:00 am with an experienced guide who explained each and every detail of the Kailash temple in cave no. 16 the biggest monolithic structure in the world. At Ellora visit students have seen all three types of caves Hindu, Jain and Buddhist and understood the importance about it with the guidance. Students also enjoyed the scenic beauty of the waterfall at the cave no 29 which can be seen only the rainy season.

07:00 AM	Breakfast at hotel
07:30 AM	Departure from Hotel
09:00 AM	Ellora visit started
01:30 PM	Visit Ended
02:00 PM	Lunch time
03:00 PM	Visit to small Handloom unit
04:00 PM	Bibi ka Maqbara
05:45 PM	Visit to Panchakki + Shopping
07:25 PM	Arrival at Hotel







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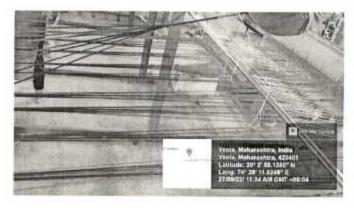
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#### Day 4: Yeola Weaving cluster Visit 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2022

The buses left the hotel in the morning for Yeola.

All students gathered at hotel foyer after the early morning breakfast. The Fourth Day visit was planned for the Yeola Weaving cluster. Yeola was 100 km away from Aurangabad. The visit was planned on Tuesday which was salary day for the weavers, so SSPAD had to reach early by 10:00 am. Mr. Pendharkar met at the outskirt of the city and taken to the unit, Mr Pedahrkar being head of the weaving unit helped thoroughly with the knowledge of the weaving of Paithani Sarees. He had given an idea about warp and weft, different types of yarn used in Paithani, and their origins. The Weaving unit has experienced weavers with immense knowledge which was also conveyed by each and every weaver to the students of SSPAD. A cherry on the cake, Mr. Pendharkar and the unit offered the hands-on experience of waving a live Paithani which was an unforgettable experience for the students and faculty members.

After this visit of the weaving cluster, students were taken Paithani Weaving Kendra where students were given more knowledge about the weaving of the sarees. The weaving kendra also had stores for selling authentic Paithani sarees where students have made some shopping for their loved ones.







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Day 5: Returning to Nagpur 28th Sept. 2022

The buses left the hotel in the morning for Nagpur.

All students gathered at the breakfast table in the early morning at 06:00 am. Although the earlier Day visit was hectic and tiring. The buses started from the Skycourt hotel at 06:45 am. With the steady speed, the buses were continuously making progress. Tired from the 3 continuous day expedition students in both buses having sleep. By the exact lunch time buses reached to a hotel. Students enjoyed the lunch at the hotel Krushnai. After this lunch break, the buses started to cruise toward Nagpur. Energetic students after lunch started to play Anthakhshari in one of the bus, and it was one of the memorable time they had in the entire tour. Buss had taken a halt for tea and snack at 05:00 pm in the outskirts of Amravati city. Nagpur was remained 150 km from the last halt and impatient feel was clearly seen on every students' face. 7:30 PM buses reached the SSPAD Campus after certain formality studets were relived to go home with their gardian,/ Parents. In most cases parents had come to fetch them.

06:30 AM	Breakfast at hotel
07:00 AM	Departure from Hotel
12:30 AM	Reached Hotel Krushnai
01:30 PM	Buses Started from Hotel
05:30 PM	Tea and snacks break
07:30 PM	Arrival at SSPAD Campus

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