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STUDY TOUR

(NAGPUR – ORCHHA – CHANDERI - NAGPUR)

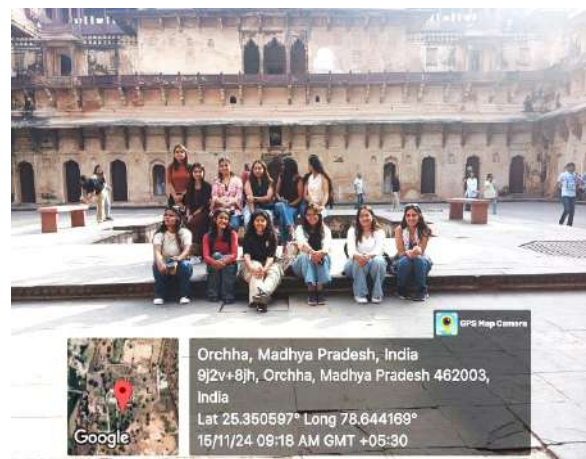
(13th November – 17th November 2024)

Date: 18/11/2024

The educational study tour to Orchha and Chanderi, organized by SSPAD Nagpur, aimed to provide students with an immersive experience in exploring the historic towns and their architectural heritage. The 5-day tour, held from November 13th to November 17th, 2024, involved 30 students and 2 faculty members, offering an in-depth look at the cultural, social, and historical significance of these iconic towns in Madhya Pradesh. The main objective of the educational tour is to study the **historic settlement** and **ancient structures** of the Chanderi & Orchha towns. This study tour will provide exposure to students to **document** the weaver's settlement, understanding the **local construction techniques** and materials used in architecture.

Day 1: Orchha

The group arrived in Orchha, a town known for its architectural marvels and historical significance. The first day included visits to the **Laxmi Narayan Temple, Phool Bagh, Ram Raja Temple**, and the **Chaturbhuj Temple**. The students studied the intricate carvings and the historical context of these religious structures, noting their architectural styles and spatial organization.





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Day 2: Orchha

On the second day, the group visited the **Orchha Fort Complex**, including the **Jahangir Mahal** and **Raja Mahal**, with their splendid frescoes and architectural grandeur. The **Cenotaphs of Bundela Kings** and the **Betwa River Sunset** offered insights into the funerary architecture and the picturesque surroundings.

Day 3: Chanderi

The third day was dedicated to Chanderi, a town renowned for its medieval architecture and saree weaving traditions. Key visits included **Koshak Mahal**, **Badal Mahal**, **Jama Masjid**, and **Kati Ghati**, followed by an exploration of the **Saree Weaving Settlement**, where the students documented the spatial and architectural integration of weavers' homes and workspaces.

Outcomes:

- **Study of Historic Settlements:** The students explored the urban fabric of Orchha and Chanderi, analyzing how historical, social, and cultural factors shaped their development.
- **Documentation of Weaver's Settlements:** A focus on the weaving settlements in Chanderi allowed the students to understand the unique relationship between architecture and craftsmanship.
- **Heritage Preservation and Conservation:** The group gained valuable insights into the ongoing conservation efforts in both towns, learning about the challenges of preserving ancient structures amid modern urbanization.

In conclusion, the study tour provided a comprehensive understanding of historic architecture, urban planning, and conservation challenges in two culturally rich towns of Madhya Pradesh. Total no. of 30 students from B. Arch. (2020-25 Batch & 2021-2026 Batch) Programme along with 2 faculty members, 1 coordinator and 1 medical officer were accompanied in the



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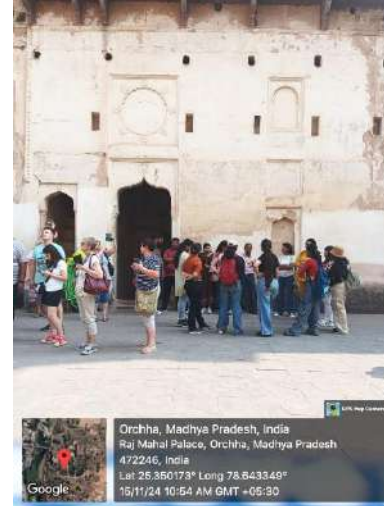
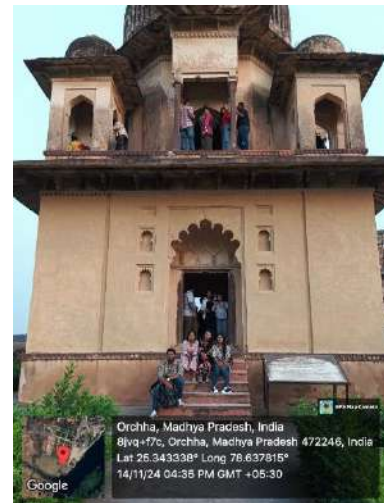
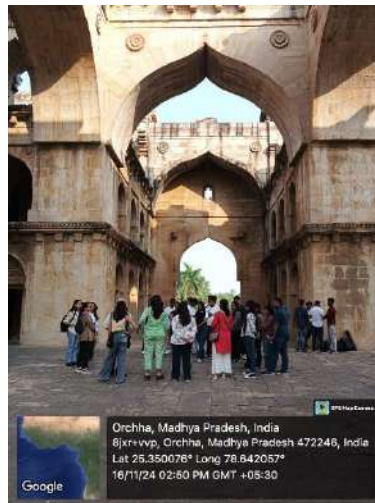
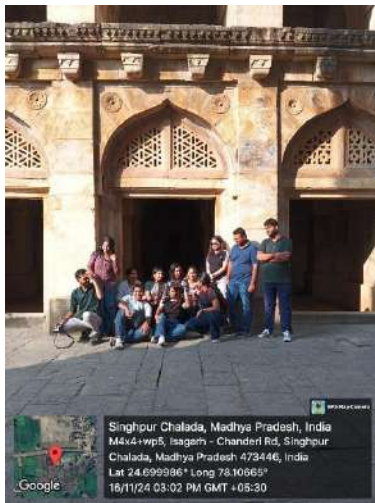
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educational tour. The study tour was managed by BLUE-WINGS under the guidance of Dr. Nandini Kulkarni, Officiating Director, SSPAD, Nagpur.



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