

## Field Trip Report

Field Trip Report: Exploring the Natural Wonders of Dhakshanchitra Museum

Date: February 29, 2024

Location: Mutthukadu, Chennai

Participants: Students and teachers from B. A English (I, II & III Yr), B.S.Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute of Science & Technology , Vandalur.

Objective: The primary objective of our field trip was to explore the diverse ecosystems, geological formations, and cultural significance of Dhakshanchitra Museum. Through hands-on learning experiences and guided tours, we aimed to deepen our understanding of environmental conservation and appreciation for nature.

DakshinaChitra, meaning "a picture of the south", is a heritage village where the lifestyle of South Indians is displayed based on their states, through the architecture of the region and the living conditions and habits of the people. It was founded by the Madras Craft Foundation (MCF), an NGO started in 1984, by Deborah Thiagarajan. Thiagarajan came to Madras (now Chennai) in 1970, and visited several rural villages in Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

Developed as a heritage village, DakshinaChitra has an array of displays and relocated originals of dwellings depicting the life pattern of people in the states of southern India. The exhibits portray the architecture, art, folk performing-arts and craft of South Indian traditions. The amenities include a research unit, crafts bazaar, playground, an area to hold religious functions, stone workshop, and souvenir kiosks. There are craftsmen who permanently work at DakshinaChitra who demonstrate or explain how they make their wares.

Reflections: The field trip to Dhakshanchitra was a transformative experience for all involved. It provided us with a deeper understanding of the natural world and reinforced the importance of protecting our environment. As we return to our daily lives, we carry with us memories of south Indian architecture and a renewed commitment to environmental stewardship.

Conclusion: Our journey through Dhakshanchitra was both educational and inspirational. We are grateful for the opportunity to explore this natural wonder

and look forward to applying what we have learned to make a positive impact on our planet.

We thank Dr.A.Catherine Anna Pushpam & Mrs.N.Suguna who accompany with us to manage our student community with discipline.

Further we thank our Dr.P.Rathna , Head of the Department for her continuous support to arrange this trip.

Note:

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