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A brief report: visit of 19-Member young leaders under GenNext Democracy Network Programme in Ahmedabad & Vadodara between 28th Nov 2021 to 01st Dec 2021

Day –I (28-11-2021)

- A 19 young leaders from eight countries (Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Uzbekistan, Jamaica, Poland, Sweden & Tanzania) arrived in Ahmedabad on 28th November 2021 by UK 969 at 7.40 p.m..
- The delegation was welcomed by Regional Director, ICCR – Dr. Jigar Inamdar in Arrival area at SPI Airport.
- Five students from Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan & Tanzania with placard in eight different languages (including Hindi & Gujarati), welcomed the delegation on arrival at Airport.
Folk artists welcomed the delegation with Dhol, Manjira and tradition Gujarati Dance at the venue of dinner. Shri Dinesh Dasa-Chairman, GPSC, Gujarat & One senior Army Officer (Brigadier) joined the delegation on dinner & interacted with the young leaders. After Dinner delegates checked-in at Hotel Ummed and rest.
Day –II (29-11-2021)

- The Delegation departed to Hotel Fortune Haweli to meet/interact with Shri Harsh Sanghavi, Hon’ble Minister of Culture and Home Affairs who the youngest Minister in Gujarat State.
- The breakfast was hosted by Hon’ble Minister. Sri-Lankan delegates invite the Hon’ble Minister to visit Sri Lanka in coming days.
At Hotel Fortune Haweli, delegates were given power point presentation by Shri Hitesh Patel, Sarpanch of Model Village (Shri Patel has been nominated by our Hon’ble Prime-Minister for Model Village project.)

The delegates were taken to Dandi-kutir for a visit.
In the afternoon, lunch arranged at Shree Annapurna Village, where delegates enjoyed tradition food seating down on floor.

Post Lunch, delegates visited Adalaj Step Well. Step Well is fine example of Indian Architecture work which was built 1498 A.D in the memory of Rana Vir Singh by his wife Queen Rudadevi.
Delegates visited Space Application Center (SAC), ISRO where Director, SAC - Shri N.M. Desai has welcome them. The delegation was taken for campus visit and briefed about success stories of ISRO.

A short film/presentation about India’s progress in Space and upcoming projects of ISRO along with Hi-tea arranged at SAC.
Delegates visited Sabarmati Ashram at 5.00 p.m. in the evening. Director of Sabarmati Ashram – Shri Atul Pandya, along with his team has received the delegates on arrival and brief them significance and activities of Ashram and its history.
The delegation further visited Sabarmati Riverfront Site. The Delegation was taken to Riverfront Office where welcomed by Dy. General Manager of SRFDP. The delegation briefed about the development of Ahmedabad City and Riverfront Project through Power Point presentation. This visit was arranged by Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation.
A cultural evening arranged by ICCR at VC’s Bungalows, Gujarat University with performances by ICCR empanelled group led by Shri Bharat Baria, an Gujarat Garouv Puraskar awardee.

The Vice Chancellor, Gujarat University – Dr. Himanshu Pandya hosted a dinner at V.C bungalow in honour of visiting delegates.

Mayor, Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation – Shri Kirit Parmar and Vice Chancellor, Ladakh University - Prof. S. K. Mehta and several eminent academician/artists attended the cultural evening and interacted with delegation.
Day –III (30-11-2021)

➢ The delegation has visited AMUL (a co-operative society – world's largest producer of milk & milk products) at Anand City.

➢ The delegation was welcomed at AMUL and taken for tour to Production Plant of Dairy Products. Visit was fruitful and delegates enjoyed it thoroughly.
After visit to AMUL, delegation left for Kevadia. A special Lunch (local tribal food) prepared by tribal ladies of Rajpipla district offered to the delegation members at Ekta Nursery at Kevadia. Most attractive part of their tour was visit to Statue of Unity. Jangal Safari also arranged for the delegates. Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Limited has extended all necessary courtesies and given proper importance to this visit.
In the evening, a cultural programme organised by the Vice-Chancellor, Maharaja Sayajirao University of Vadodara followed by dinner at Play-Box (A heritage building built in 1884 A.D. – 137 years old), Faculty of Performing Arts. Mayor of Vadodara – Shri Ketul Rokadia and several eminent personalities attended the programme. After dinner, group checked-in Hotel Welcom and rest.
Delegation left for New Delhi by Flight No: AI 824 at 07:10 on 01/12/2021.