

OUTDOOR VISIT TO QUTUB MINAR  
By Students of KG class (Santa Maria)  
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It was a sunny day, with a slight nip in the air, and just the right kind of morning to visit Qutub Minar. During circle time, the class teachers talked to the KG students about the monument. Some of the students exclaimed that they could see the Qutub Minar from their roof or from the plane. They were also familiar with the rules to be followed during an outdoor visit, which included – among others – taking care of friends and not accepting anything from strangers.



Soon after, students of KG A, B and C lined up to get on the two buses waiting for them. They were accompanied by teachers, didis and parent volunteers. There was much excitement, which was channeled into singing songs like 'wheels on the bus'. Upon reaching Qutub Minar, the three sections lined up near the entrance and then slowly filed inside the complex.





The first stop was at a 'view point'. The monument loomed large, but the plane that flew past just then got nearly the same degree of attention! Walking closer to the Qutub Minar, it became possible to appreciate the height and colors of the minaret as well as the beautiful carvings. A child said "hum sab Qutub Minar ke samne cheeti jaise lagerhe hain". The teachers pointed out that the Qutub Minar had five floors, which the students carefully counted as well.



The group then walked into the Alai Darwaza near the Qutub Minar. The teacher pointed out the cooler temperatures inside the structure. This resonated well with a student's remark that the

shape of the ceiling made it look like an igloo. Everyone examined the carvings closely. The Alai Darwaza was also a good place to take some rest.



Next on the agenda was the iron pillar. The students stood around the pillar, as the teacher showed them its special features.



Following this, the students walked through the complex as the teacher recalled the new words that they had learnt that day – ‘monument’, ‘pillar’ and ‘carving’. They also had the chance to admire the gardens around the Qutub Minar.



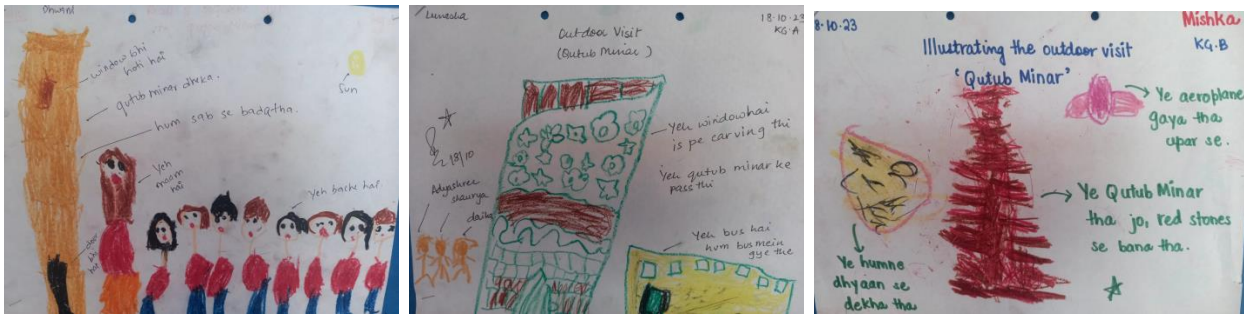
It was now time to head back. The three sections once again stood in lines outside the complex, and then carefully walked into the buses that were waiting to take them back to the school. The students got to have biscuits and more water, to replenish themselves.



Upon returning to Santa Maria, the students had their tiffin break. The teacher then asked them to close their eyes and remember what they had seen during their outdoor visit. They were given sheets of paper to put their recollections on paper.



Many a minaret was drawn; alongside, there were drawings of buses, trees, and planes. The students had seen the Qutub Minar and a lot more besides.



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