

Visit to the Qutb Minar

New Delhi, November 30, 2017: Today the young explorers of KG's visited the “**The Qutb Minar**”. Qutb Minar is located in Mehrauli area of Delhi. It is a soaring, 73 m-high tower of victory, built in 1193 by Qutb-ud-din Aibak. The Minar along with the ancient and medieval monuments surrounding it, form the Qutb Minar. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The site was chosen for the outdoor visit as it offers a vivid experience of heritage and history in our vicinity.



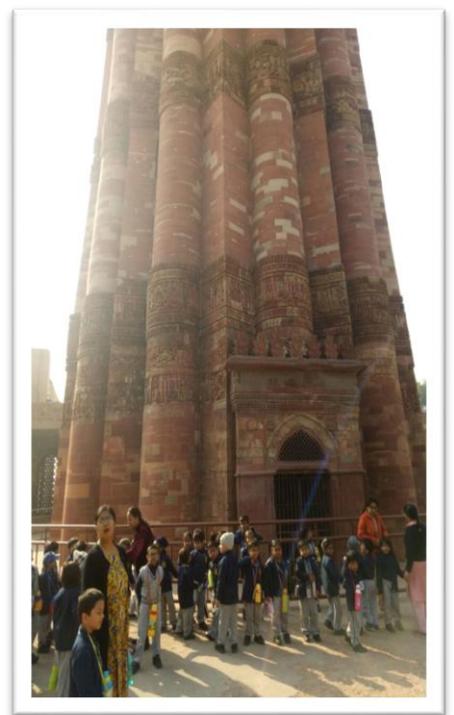
It was a bright sunny day and the best that could be achieved was heading out for exploration of this wonderful monument. Before leaving for the visit, the children and the teachers had a Circle Time. A discussion about the important things that should be followed is always needed as it helps everyone to focus. As soon as the children were told about the visit, one could sense the curiosity and the zest in the group. **Gurleen said “Mai har din ghar say school aatey waqt Qutb Minar dekh ti hun.”**

There was super excitement and jubilation in the air as children were looking forward to experience something new, something larger than life. On the run, children were anxious and were inquiring time and again, “**Ma’am, Hum kab pahunchenge?**”. **Shivang said “Yahan se to meri bus jati hai.”**

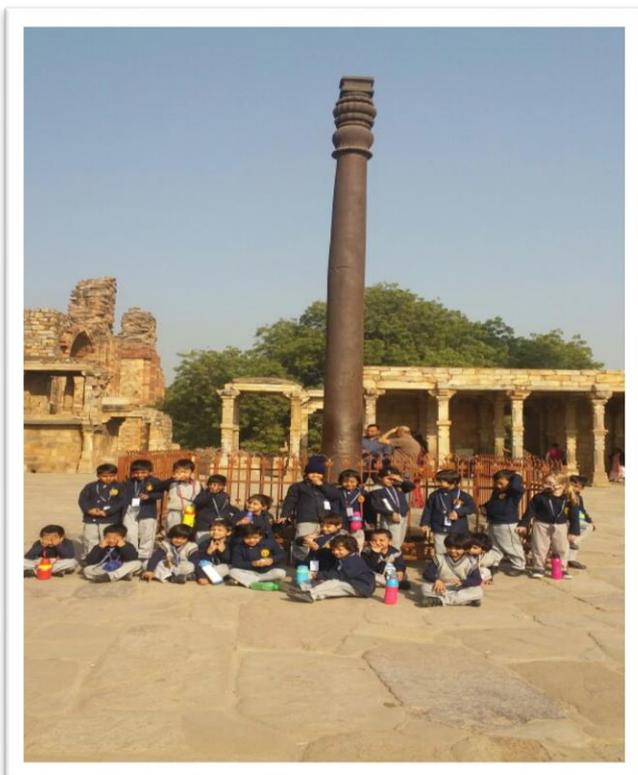
Children shared snacks/food with friends and teachers in the bus. After reaching the monument, children walked in lines and moved towards the monument.

Children were amazed to find such a massive structure. **Sidhant immediately asked “Yeah tho eak baray say rocket jaysay lag raha hai. Jo space may janey wala hai?”**

While walking around the minar, children made detailed observations, such as the color of the stones, the carvings etc. **Shivam said “Ma’am is pe bahut sundar design hai. Mummy ki mehndi jaise.”**



It turned out to be a discovery walk for the children as they walked by the Iron pillar and the remains of Jain temple inside the Qutb complex. Children recognized bells, vase, elephants and different motifs on the pillars.



Alai-Darwaza, the part of the Quwwat-ul-Islam mosque made our children think as they responded:

Neevan: “lagta hai kisi aerolane ne ise tor diya.”

Tanay : “ lagta hai yahan kisi ne fighting ki hai. Iss liye building broken hai.”

Anmol: “Yeh bahut purana hai iss liye toot gaya hai.”



The beautiful birds and busy squirrels left all of us captivated. The open and lush green areas served as a serene place for our young and curious explorers. Children were busy exploring and collecting leaves and pebbles as souvenirs from the lawns as do back in school during the nature walk.



The echoing sounds of The Alai Gate left vivid memories of the visit in our minds. After spending some quality time, our memorable visit to The Qutb Minar came to an end. We boarded our buses to return.

Despite being a huge complex to walk and explore our young Santa Marians followed good practices and looked after themselves very well. They were alert and confident during the walk. It was indeed a visit to remember, we brought back fond memories from the visit.

Illustrative Recall of the Visit



Regards,

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