A DATE WITH THE INDIAN AIR FORCE

Educational Tour of Village School Children to Jodhpur Dusheera Holidays 15th – 30th October 2012



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TRAVEL TO JODHPUR

50 Children (25 Boys & 25 Girls) and 8 adults 1 Lady Teacher & her husband 1 Gent Teacher with his wife, 1 Forest Guard representing the Forest Dept, Govt. of Raj. 2 Helpers from Ecopanions Society along with the Secretary of the Society left Todgarh town in a bus at 8 am on 24th October 2012 for "A Date with the Indian Air Force" and returned at 5:30 the following evening, in time for children to return home in daylight.

The BUS



QUIZ during the BUS JOURNEY

During the bus journey to Jodhpur an activity was designed to impart some idea of Indian Air Force to the children. They were introduced to 20 major aircrafts with the Indian Air Force like Fighters, Transport, Trainers and Choppers by brief descriptions which were supplemented by showing them colorful pictures of the aircrafts. Similarly, the children were also shown pictures of 20 different animals found in Todgarh Raoli Wildlife Sanctuary representing Insects, Reptiles, Birds and Mammals. The children were told relevant details of both – the airplanes and the animals. They were also told to pay attention as there would be a Quiz at the end of the day and prizes to be won.

Children displaying Quiz images



Forty (A4 & Laminated) Images of airplanes & animals were circulated amongst the children.



20 Aircrafts of the IAF



20 Animals of Todgarh Raoli



The MEHRANGARH FORT







The UMAID BHAWAN



YOUTH HOSTEL: Dining Hall



YOUTH HOSTEL: Dormitory



A Test Paper

was designed to identify the airplanes and the animals. After dinner, the children filled out the test sheets



Eliminating Rounds to decide Winners

Since there were many close contestants, an eliminating round was organized in the morning to decide six winners in the 2 categories of airplanes & animals



Reception

Wing Cdr Anuj Pathak received the children with an introductory lecture on the Role of Air Force & How to Join the Service.

This was followed by a documentary on the Indian Air Force.

Later, he also gave away the prizes to the winners of the airplane & animal quiz.



The Fighters: Su-30

A young pilot of 31 Squadron took the children around a Su-30 explaining all the parts and answering questions.



The Fighters: Mig -21

Flt Lieut Mann of 32 Squadron showed a Mig -21. Children took turns to climb up & see the cockpit.







The Journey Back











CONCLUSIONS

I regret delegating the making of the banner to my local partners. What was perhaps one of the easiest tasks was completely botched up and I could not make amends as I realized this after we left for Jodhpur in the bus. And there were spelling errors in the banner as well. In future, due care should be taken for getting the banner done correctly as this is the key medium for branding the donor and the society.

After the Fort & Umaid Bhawan we tried to go to the Zoo but our bus was stopped by the Police for trespassing "No Entry Zone." We lost a lot of time trying to get out of police custody and at the end had to give up on showing the Zoo to the children.

Screening of video films on the marvels of flight & wildlife were scrapped because the children were too tired to see them.

40 posters of airplanes & animals that were made for the Quiz were given to Mr. Ghanshyam Singh, with an assurance that he would have them permanently displayed in the principal's office of the Government Secondary School at Malaton ki Ber, Todgarh.

EXPENSE STATEMENT

A	TRAVEL / TRANSPORT	AMOUNT
	Hire of Bus	12,000
В	YOUTH HOSTEL	
	Accommodation	5,478
	Meals: Dinner & Breakfast	5,400
	Packed Lunch en route	3,600
С	ENTRANCE FEES	
	Mehrangarh Fort: Children Free; Adults 450 + Guide 350	800
	Umaid Bhawan: Children free; Adults 225	225
D	MISCELLANEOUS	
	Snacks on 24th	1,080
	Snacks on 25 th	1,944
	Tip to Policeman to get out of No Entry Zone	500
E	40 QUIZ IMAGES & 55 TEST PAPERS	
	Designing, Printing & Lamination	2,310
	TOTAL	36,361
	INSTITUTIONAL EXPENSES 15% of the Project	5,454
	TOTAL	41,815

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