



SO WE MEET AGAIN

I wish to thank all our well-wishers of Mumbai, Bangalore, Hyderabad and New Delhi who have been generously sending me their views and opinions on **TRAVEL UNRAVEL**. A need for an editorial – an interactive platform for Schools based on your rich experiences was suggested by Mrs. Geeta Sanghvi of New Delhi. The Editorial team liked the suggestion and from this issue, we will be interacting with our readers on a regular basis through this column. In our earlier publication **CAMP CRAFT**, I used to write the editorial under the headline: **So We Meet Again** & I thought of taking off from where I left.

We are in the month of August 2010 and in this month many educational tours have taken off on the Freedom Trail.

I was myself at Gwalior and Jhansi, the last bastion of the First War of Independence 1857-58 with a couple of student groups of Std X who had come to study history. We visited the Jhansi fort and paid tribute to the soldiers at the secular grave who gave up their lives fighting for independence. We entered the now renovated Rani's Palace, Main Hall where she passed her time swinging and playing with her maids in happier times. Coming out of her palace we viewed the Court Room where Raja Gangadhar passed judgment and even saw the remains of the Hanging Tower where most traitors were put to death. Just hidden in a corner is the underground escape route to Gwalior Road, this escape tunnel was used by the royalty when the fort was in danger of being captured. The Rani unfortunately could not use this tunnel as this was blocked by the British, so the Rani had to escape by jumping the high walls of the fort on horseback. She went to Kalpi and after being defeated in Kalpi knocked the doors of the Raja of Gwalior for help. In Gwalior she fought the last battle of her life and died in 1858.

Gwalior has comfortable 3 Star hotels and we made it our base from where we visited the Man Mandir Palace and Sas Bahu temples located in the Gwalior Fort. However the highlight of the tour was the Sound and Light Show that brought history alive thanks to the voiceover of Mr. Amitabh Bachaan.

We also visited the magnificent Jai Vilas Museum. At a short distance from Gwalior is Mallanpur which is an industrial belt and Schools interested in doing a Project tour to this destination can combine History and Geography together to make the tour, a learning experience.

Taking Maharashtra to the world

In the Golden Maharashtra year -2010, Creative Outdoor Development Education (CODE) takes this opportunity to acknowledge personalities in the Educational field that have promoted Maharashtra in the last ten years as an educational destination In this issue we feature **Mr. Brian Seymour, Principal, G. D. Somani**



Memorial School, Mumbai.

Promoting tourism in Maharashtra, being based in Mumbai is not a herculean task, perhaps it is the most easiest of choices, but to have the zest, keen interest and genuine love for the State and combining experience in Maharashtra with educational travel, making it an unforgettable experience year after year is where you find people of the caliber of Mr. Brian Seymour, Principal, G.D. Somani Memorial School, Mumbai, holding the beacon for Maharashtra. Though putting it down mildly in words, during his tenure in the past five years, there are more than 1000 students who have benefited in their quest for knowledge of Maharashtra We at CODE acknowledge his contribution and under his leadership, we are confident that both the students along with their educational pursuit for knowledge and Maharashtra with its tremendous potential in educational tourism will benefit.



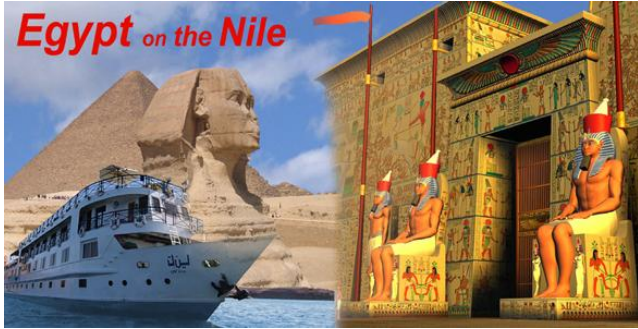
LEADERS OF TOMORROW

A special workshop for Prefects conducted by CODE

To prepare our Student Leaders for a better tomorrow, the CODE Team conducted a workshop for 92 students on July 08, 2010 in a suburban School in Mumbai. Councilors from Umeed Child Development Centre were also invited to talk on Anger Management. Other topics that were discussed include Time Management, Disaster Management and Team Building. This is conducted by the CODE Team free of cost. Educational Institutions interested in conducting such a programme for their students in their School can write to CODE at schools@codeindia.com or speak to our School Co-ordinator, Mrs. Vanessa Pereira for more details on the Leaders of Tomorrow Programme.



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EGYPT – THE FASTEST GROWING INTERNATIONAL TOURIST DESTINATION



Egypt offers a diverse variety to satisfy even the most demanding of travellers. From the pyramids at Giza, to the Khan el-Khalili bazaar, the coastal resorts of Sharm el-Shaikh to the Sinai Peninsula, Egypt has become a tourist hub for International vacationers, though visitor numbers is expected to grow from the 9.1 Million in 2006 to 14 Million travelers by 2011. A recent report by the World Economic Forum (WEF) ranks Egypt 58th out of 124 countries on the basis of travel and tourism competitiveness.

For students on an educational tour, Egypt offers a historical eight day holiday beginning with a visit to Africa's oldest market, the Khan El Khalili for souvenir shopping, then later to the Pyramids of Egypt and the Museum of Antiquities at Cairo and then a Luxury train journey from Giza to Aswan to view the awesome Temple of Phiaae, then beginning the fascinating Nile Cruise to dock at three growing cities : the temple of the twin gods Sobek and Horus at Komombo, the temple of Horus at Edfu, the Valley of the Kings at Luxor coupled with the Temple of Luxor and Karnak. That's not all, take the train journey back to Giza and drive to Alexandria, to see the Roman Catacombs and the Roman Theatre. The tour ends with a visit to the Montaza Palace and Gardens and back to Cairo to take your flight back to India. For a student Egypt will always be an unforgettable holiday – a dream come true.

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In our endeavour to promote Maharashtra in its 50th Golden Jubilee year amongst educational institutions, we take you on an Adventure Camp in the quiet serene environment of the Kundalika River & the Koyna River not very far from Mumbai, where adventure is the name of the game. Tent camping, river rafting, kayaking, rappelling, river-crossing, rock climbing & trekking to historical forts or visits to hydro-electric dam is also possible.

Day 01 : Mumbai – Kolad

Morning, report at the School at 0600 hours. Leave for Kolad by road at 0645 hours (156 km). Breakfast in the Bus. Arrive Kolad and check in at the River Campsite. Arrive Kolad Campsite and check in. After lunch leave for Rappelling and Valley Crossing activities. Evening, treasure hunt at the campsite. Dinner at the Campsite. Overnight in tents. (B, L, D)

Day 02 : Kolad - Tapola

Morning after an early breakfast leave for White Water Rafting on the River Kundalika. Return to Campsite for breakfast. After breakfast leave for Tapola (125 km). Arrive Tapola and check in. Evening, Forest Trek in the bounty of nature. Campfire. dinner at the Campsite. Overnight in tents. (B, L, D)

Day 03 : Tapola – Mahabaleshwar - Tapola

Morning after breakfast leave for a full day sight-seeing tour of Mahabaleshwar. Visit Shivaji's famous Pratapgad Fort, Mahabaleshwar's Panchganga Temple, Mapro Jam Factory. Evening, visit the the Mumbai point (sunset point), Malcolm Point, Kate's Point, Marjorie Point, Lord Elphinstone, General Lodwick and Elephant's Head Point. Leave for Tapola. Arrive Tapola Campsite. Dinner at the campsite. Overnight in tents. (B, L, D)

Day 04 : Tapola

Morning after breakfast leave for an exhilarating adventure activity : Mountain Biking. Return to the Campsite for a well deserved rest and lunch. Afternoon indulge in Kayaking (one man boat) on the Koyna River. Evening enjoy the adventure activities and obstacle course at the site. Dinner at the campsite. Overnight in tents. (B, L, D)

Day 05 : Tapola - Mumbai

Morning after breakfast leave for Mumbai (320 km). Lunch enroute. Arrive School at Mumbai. **Tour ends.** (B, L)