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4. PLACE OF VISIT: Indian museum5. DATE OF VISIT: 03.12.2021

6. PURPOSE OF VISIT: An educational tour or field trip is a visit to a place away from their normal place of study. On 03.12.2021 we went to Indian museum for an excursion. In this excursion we come to known about many unknown and interesting facts, we got an opportunity to gain our knowledge through the informations, paintings, articles which are carefully preserved in the museum. We have seen coin gallery, painting gallery, egypt gallery and etc.

At painting gallery, we have seen a variety of paintings of different styles. The painting gallery has two main sections which are <u>Indian miniatures</u> and <u>Bengal school of art.</u> Indian miniature section contains a substantial number of paintings ranging from Persian , Mughals, provincial Deccan, Pahari, Rajasthani and company school of paintings. Bengal school of,art contains the masterpieces from 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> century that belong to the Neo - bengal school of painting like Rabindranath Tagore, Gaganendranath Tagore, Abdur Rehman Chugtai, Iswari Prasad, Nandalal Bose and Jamini Roy. All these made using water colour. Besides these, pata-chitra, certain lithographs and some of oil paintings of the 20<sup>th</sup> century bengal are also on display here. Through these paintings we come to know about the materials used in different region of India during early times and also the style of painting etc. Some paintings also picturised some incidents during those time.

We have also gazed at the coins of the coin gallery. The coins are from the different regions of the Indian subcontinent and range in date from 5<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> century B.C to present date. There some coins were too small to see but perfect in its spherical or square in shape and pictures of some animals or symbols, texts etc, are inscribed on the coins at the same time, which presents the talent of our ancesters . These coins are informative as through these we come to know about metals used by different emperors or rulers to make coins during their time of rule, the economical or financial condition during their rule etc.

On entering the egypt gallery we were astonished to see how egyptians used to preserve dead bodies during early times, the structure of their society, used by them for mummification, hieroglyphics writing (system of writing that employs characters in the form of pictures. Those individual signs called hieroglyphics may be read either as picture as

symbols for objects or as sounds), we also come to know about the whole process of mummification. A 4000 years old mummy was one of the main attractions to us.

These tour provided us the opportunity of learning through travel, it also helped in clearing the concepts & results in more effective learning so we the students of 4<sup>th</sup> semester of Basanti devi college (History Department) are really grateful to our beloved and respected principal ma'am <u>Dr. Indrila Guha</u> for allowing us to visit the museum and that so at the pandemic period, for encouraging us all the time. We are also very thankful to our respected professors of history department <u>Dr. Palash Mondol</u> (HOD), <u>Dr. Chilka Ghosh</u>, <u>Aurininjoy Biswas</u> and <u>Rousanara Khatun</u>, without them this excursion would have been impossible, they guided us and explained us each and everything that we were gazing at the museum. This excursion all over had been a knowledgeable and enjoyable to us. We are really happy and hope to get more excursions like this.

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**INDIAN MUSEUM SINCE 1814** 





**COIN GALLERY** 





### **HOMO SAPIEN GALLERY**



#### **ERECT POSTUR-HUMAN EVOLUTION GALLEY**



**A VIEW OF HOMO SAPIEN GALLERY** 



**SKELETON PRIMATES DISPLAYED ZOOLOGICAL GALLERY** 



**ANOTHER VIEW OF SKELETON GALLERY** 





**MAMMAL GALLERY** 



**EVOLUTION OF HUMAN SKULL** 



SCULPTURE OF VISHNU



<u>AVALOKITESHVARA</u>



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**A STATUE OF BROKEN YAKSHA** 

# **SCULPTURE ART GALLERY**



## **BHARHUT GALLERY-** BHARHUT STUPA RAILINGS





**AT THE CENTER OF INDIAN MUSEUM**