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REPORT ON THE CLASS FIELD TRIP TO DAKSHINA CHITRA FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 -26

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Class: IV

A classroom without walls, a lesson without textbooks, and a day filled with discovery - this is what the students of Class IV experienced on their field trip to Dakshina Chitra on 22nd September 2025. The peppy tunes and the dance moves on the bus made the 40 - minute Journey a fun filled memory to cherish. Around 205 eager students, guided by 12 teachers and 10 support staff, stepped into the Heritage Houses of the living museum where history, art, and culture came alive. Surrounded by the natural ambience of the place, the students felt as though they had travelled back in time to explore the traditions and lifestyle of earlier generations.

The experience was both Educational and Entertaining. Students were welcomed with a humour-filled puppet show that evoked laughter while subtly carrying folk wisdom. Soon after, they witnessed a vibrant folk dance performance which included an introduction to *Tappattam*, the traditional art form that fascinated the children with its rhythmic beats and colourful movements.

As the tour progressed, the young learners were guided through various heritage houses representing the states of South India. The guides who accompanied each group of students patiently explained the unique architectural styles, the materials used, and the era each house had been built. The stories behind these homes brought alive the lives of the people who once inhabited them. Students marvelled at the potter's house, where they observed the process of pottery making, and at the weaver's house, where the actual weaving of sarees was demonstrated with great skill. These first-hand experiences offered the children a rare glimpse into traditional craftsmanship that books alone could not provide.

To strengthen their learning, a questionnaire was given to the students during the trip. This encouraged them to observe carefully, think critically, and connect the sights they encountered with their classroom knowledge. It proved to be a meaningful exercise, sharpening their attention to detail. A wholesome lunch was served followed by a joyful playtime in the park, where the children chose their favourite games and enjoyed their time. To preserve the souvenir, the class photos and group photos were taken. The travel back to school after a refreshing evening snack was uneventful, yet students carried not just reflective memories but also valuable insights into the richness of our culture and traditions.

As one student aptly put it while reflecting on the day, "It felt like walking into history and touching it with our own hands." This simple yet profound statement beautifully captured the spirit of the trip - an experience that blended learning with joy, leaving a lasting impression on every child.

A Journey through Tradition! Std. IV Students experiencing the vibrant culture, architecture and craftsmanship of South India at Dakshinaa Chitra

