



VISIT TO ROCKS AND MINERALS MUSEUM

REPORT

On 2nd August 2019, the geography students of class 11 A along with Madhubani Ma'am visited the Gargoti Rocks and Minerals Museum, Connaught Place. The museum is situated on the third floor of

Rajeev Gandhi Handicrafts Bhawan.

On our arrival, we were welcomed by Mr Satish Dubey, manager of the museum. He gave us a brief introduction of different types of rocks and their origins. For this, he showed us small pieces of rocks and surprisingly one of them was a piece of meteorite! After the introduction, we all set for the tour of the museum. At first, all of us were awestruck by the sight of rocks of unusual shapes and colours. None of us had ever seen such rocks. We were told that most of the rocks in the museum are Indian mainly from the Himalayas and the volcanic zone of the Deccan. Few of the rocks belonged to countries such as Brazil, Argentina and USA. Pyrite, solicite, stilbite, jade, amethyst, quartz, calcite are a few of many minerals we saw there. The museum also had rock sculptures and carvings by national award winning sculptors, most of which were carved / sculpted on a single stone. One of the sections of the museum was fully dedicated to precious metals and stones in their naturally occurring state. We were explained about the origin and composition of each rock present in the museum.



The Museum also contained rock samples from the moon and Mars. It had several meteorite pieces on display. All of us were amazed by the grand and diverse collection of rocks and minerals. Apart from minerals, there were many other things in the museum. One section of the museum was entirely dedicated to National award winning artworks. We also saw dinosaur egg, tools and fossils dating back to millions of years.



In the last section of the museum, which had stones for healing and spiritual importance, we were explained how the rays from each stone help in curing certain ailments. The section also contained stone jewellery, loose rocks, gems, healing stones and other things related to healing and therapies. The best thing about it was that we all got a chance to touch and feel each of these rocks.



We found many rocks related to our course of geography and learnt a lot of new things about rock formations. Overall, it was a wonderful experience visiting the rocks and minerals and museum and surely a memorable one. Such visits give us visual and realistic impression of things that we study. I thank my teacher and the school for conducting this visit.

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