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BANGALORE – CHENNAI - A JOURNEY TO REMEMBER



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In the midst of vibrant hues of culture and tradition of Chennai, a group of 20 enthusiastic minds set off to embark their most awaited journey. At first what came to mind was the Chennai's hot summer as the winter was receding, but the excitement of our first ever trip along with friends and teachers triumphed over the heat of Chennai's summer. We could not wait to relish every moment of travelling together, visiting beaches, street shopping and enjoying Chennai's famous food destinations. At the same time, we were also excited to attend the "Kriya-2024", student seminar on "The Age of AI", hosted by the Department of International Studies, Stella Maris College, Chennai. And awaiting to listen four of our mates presenting in the conference. How can Chennai's trip complete without hitting the beaches of Pondicherry! Yes, we did that too.



It was finally 19th of February, 2024. Few of us who might sometime make it little late to regular classes were before time at the Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station eagerly waiting for our Bengaluru- Chennai Shatabdi Express. Our journey began, sharing chocolates, coffee and enjoying the nature's beauty. Ahh! 6 hours of our journey felt like 6 minutes. On reaching Chennai, we headed towards our place of stay for next two days. We reached Asha Nivas, our place of stay, freshened up and rested for a while. Then, it was time for us to explore Chennai. It was nothing less of an amazing experience as we visited Marina beach in the evening. Marina beach was highly crowded, yet felt full of



life with sounds of street side shops, local food shops and the magnificent beach. We could not hold ourselves back from stepping into water as huge ocean waves drenched our feet. After delicious Andhra meals, we headed to our hotel eagerly waiting for the next day, the day of seminar.

Artificial Intelligence is revolutionary technology. Countries around the world are investing billions and billions of dollars in the area of Artificial Intelligence. Mr Ganapathi, Chairman of Trigyn Technologies limited delivered inaugural address that threw light upon how Artificial Intelligence is helping the world in all aspects of life and is playing major role in modernising the world. The Technical sessions helped us understand the various aspects of Artificial Intelligence like Machine Learning, Naturalised Language Processing, and Robotics etc. The research papers covered a wide range of topics on influence and role of Artificial Intelligence in Climate Change, humanitarian crisis, agriculture, economy, international relations, governance, journalism, laws and the ethical concerns with respect to the same. We also had opportunity to engage in discussion with the presenters. Not to forget, we were served with delicious breakfast with varieties of options like poori, idli, idiyappam and dosa while we also had delicious afternoon lunch with North Indian style of food with jamoon as dessert. It was a day full of learning and enjoyment at the Stella Maris Campus.



As we were free the same evening, we headed to Elliots Beach. It wasn't sparely crowded but had many food stalls lined up across the shore of the beach. We enjoyed playing in the water and some delicious local chats. We ended the day with very delicious food from Dindigul Thalapakatti Restaurant and headed back to our hotel rooms as we had leave to Pondicherry the next day early morning.

The next day morning, we reached Pondicherry. We started our day with breakfast from the famous Aadyar Aanand Bhavan. We then set out to explore the city. We explored street side shopping areas, parks, museums, French colony, French architecture, famous memorial buildings, restaurants and book stores. After spending beautiful time exploring the Pondicherry and all its beauty, we headed back to Chennai. With this, our educational tour of Chennai had come to an end and it was time to leave back to Bengaluru. We reached the station with our bags and boarded on to our train, carrying back all the memories, minds refreshed and all set and energised to get back to our classes. A journey that led us to explore, relearn and grow - indeed, the most memorable one.