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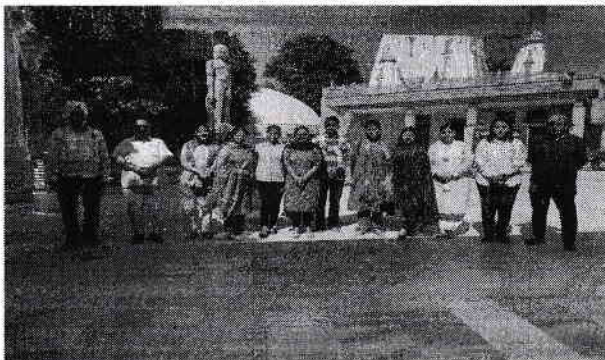
REPORT OF THE VISIT TO PLACES OF WORSHIP OF VARIOUS FAITHS

20-10-2023

A group of students of M.Ed. Semester-1 visited three religious places of different faiths in Chandigarh on October 19, 2023 as part of their quest of familiarity with these faiths covered in History of Education course (C-04) which covers the Jainism period and the Vedic period as topics. The objective of the visit was to learn about the history, culture and beliefs of these three faiths and to compare and contrast their similarities and differences.

The visit was planned and organized by Dr. A. K. Srivastava, the teacher-in-charge of the course and Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Dr. Mukhtiar Singh and Dr. Rajni Thakur, faculty members of the college, also accompanied the group. The visit started at 11:30 am and lasted for about two hours. The mode of transport was the personal cars of the teachers.

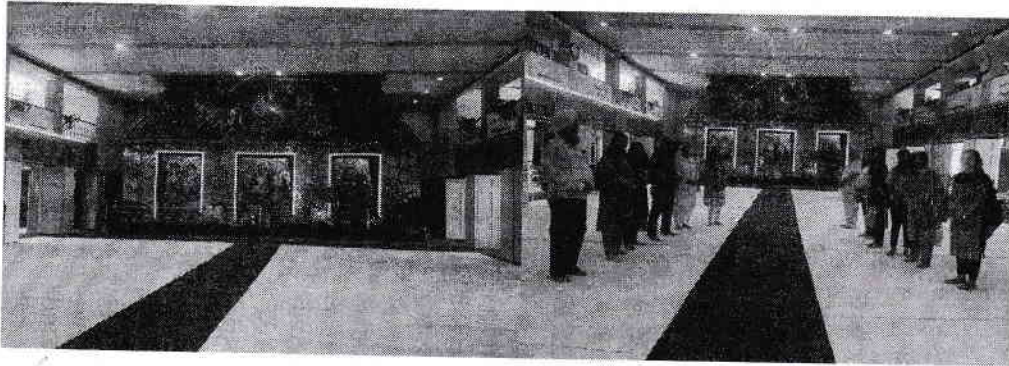
The first destination was the Jain Temple in Sector 27, Chandigarh where it was observed that the temple is dedicated to Lord Mahavira, the 24th and last Tirthankara of Jainism. The temple has a beautiful marble structure with intricate carvings and paintings depicting the life and teachings of Lord Mahavira. The temple is of the "Digambar" sect. The students explored and enquired about the principles of Jainism, such as non-violence, truthfulness, non-attachment and non-stealing. They also explored and enquired about the concept of karma, rebirth and liberation in Jainism.



Jain Temple, Sector-27, Chandigarh

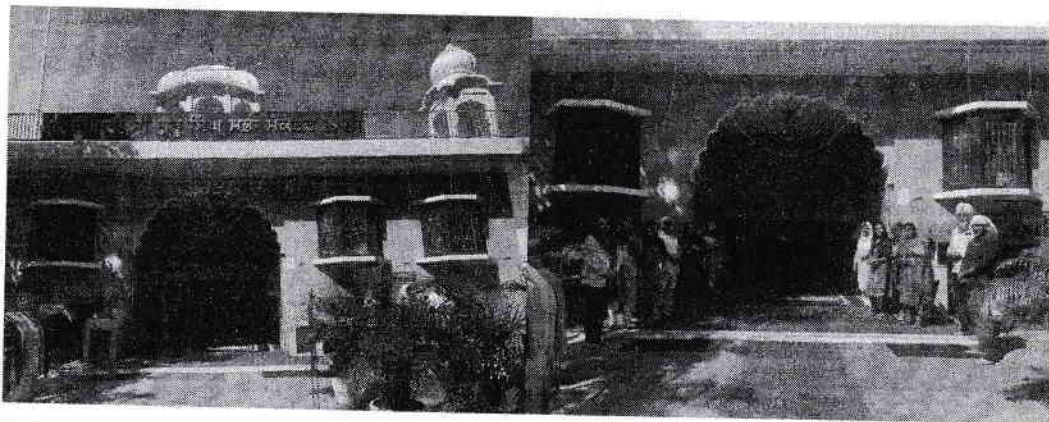
The second destination was the Sanatana Dharma Mandir in Sector 27, Chandigarh. The temple is devoted to various Sanatani deities, such as Lord Shiva, Lord Vishnu, Goddess Durga and Goddess Lakshmi. The temple has a magnificent architecture with domes, pillars and statues. The temple was decorated beautifully on occasion of Navratri. The students explored and enquired about the history and diversity of Sanatan Dharma, which is considered the oldest religion in the world.

They also explored and enquired about the Vedas, the Upanishads, the Bhagavad Gita and other sacred scriptures of Hinduism.



Sanatan Mandir, Sector-27, Chandigarh

The third and final destination was the Gurudwara in Sector 19, Chandigarh. The Gurudwara is a place of worship for the Sikhs, who follow the teachings of Guru Nanak and his successors. The Gurudwara has a simple and elegant design with a dome and a flagpole. The students explored and enquired about the history and philosophy of Sikhism, which is based on the concept of one God and equality of all human beings. They also learned about the Guru Granth Sahib, the holy book of Sikhism, which is regarded as the living Guru.



Gurudwara, Sector-19, Chandigarh

The visit was a valuable learning experience for the students, as they gained knowledge and insight into three major religions of India. They also developed respect and appreciation for the diversity and harmony of Indian culture. The visit was peaceful and enjoyable, without any hurdles or difficulties. At the end of the visit, the students had a little snack break at a nearby restaurant. They took this opportunity to discuss what they had learned from the visit and to share their opinions and reflections with each other. They also thanked their teachers for arranging such an informative and interesting visit.

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