

## Day 5: News Bulletin: College on Wheels

### J&K Students on day five of College on Wheels journey explored Mumbai's Naval Dockyard and the iconic gateway of India

J&K, India **November 23,2023** – A group of enthusiastic students from Jammu and Kashmir embarked on a unique educational journey today, setting off from the Dockyard towards the iconic gateway of India in Mumbai. This ambitious expedition, spanning multiple states and covering diverse landscapes, aims to provide students with an immersive and transformative learning experience.



#### Visit to Naval Dockyard Mumbai:

The Naval Dockyard, formerly known as Bombay Dockyard, traces its roots back to the Mughal era. In 1757, the East India

Company established a shipyard in Bombay, and it gradually evolved into a full-fledged dockyard. Located on the strategic coastline of Mumbai, the Naval Dockyard serves as a crucial base for the Indian Navy's Western Naval Command. It is responsible for the upkeep and modernization of a significant portion of the Western Fleet. The dockyard boasts an impressive array of facilities, including dry docks, workshops, and specialized equipment, enabling it to handle a wide range of naval vessels, from submarines to destroyers. The dockyard serves as a training center for naval personnel, imparting specialized skills in shipbuilding, maintenance, and repair. The Naval Dockyard is a major contributor to Mumbai's economy, generating employment and supporting local businesses. The Naval Dockyard remains at the forefront of India's naval modernization efforts, continuously upgrading its facilities and capabilities to meet the evolving challenges of maritime security. A group of enthusiastic students from Naval Dockyard in Mumbai recently embarked on an educational and inspiring visit to the formidable Vishakhapatnam destroyer D66, docked at the Eastern Naval Command headquarters in Vishakhapatnam.

### **Visakhapatnam Destroyer D66**

The Visakhapatnam-class destroyer D66 is a potent warship of the Indian Navy. Named after the coastal city of Visakhapatnam, the destroyer is armed with a formidable arsenal of weapons and sensors, making it a formidable force at sea. The destroyer is capable of anti-ship, anti-submarine, and air defense missions.

The Sindhu Ghosh-class submarines are a series of diesel-electric submarines that have been in service with the Indian Navy since the 1980s. The submarines are based on the Soviet Kilo-class design, and they are capable of carrying a variety of weapons, including torpedoes, mines, and anti-ship missiles.

INS Sindhu Ghosh is one of the Sindhu Ghosh-class submarines, and it is currently based at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai. The submarine has been in service with the Indian Navy since 1987, and it has undergone several refits and upgrades during its time in service. The day kicked off with J&K students immersing themselves in the bustling atmosphere of Mumbai's dockyards. Guided by experts, they gained insights into the intricate workings of these maritime ships, witnessing the synergy of technology and tradition. From missile bearing ships to underwater submarines, the students got a firsthand look at the heartbeat of Mumbai's maritime Naval Dockyard.



### **Visit to Gateway of India:**

Capturing the essence of Mumbai's cultural tapestry, students from J&K embarked on an enriching expedition to the Gateway of India. With awe in their eyes and pens in hand, they chronicled the grandeur of this iconic landmark that stands proudly against the Arabian Sea. The students immersed themselves in the historical narrative, discovering the Gateway's role in pivotal moments of India's past. Their written accounts echo the blend of reverence and excitement, as they navigated through the intricacies of this architectural marvel, marking it as a highlight in their educational journey on wheels.

Engaging with tourists and locals provided an insightful perspective on the Gateway's significance. For many, it's not just a monument but a symbol of India's historical past, marking the arrival of King George V and Queen Mary in 1911, and later witnessing the departure of British troops, signifying the end of colonial rule.

The surrounding pulsates with life. From locals enjoying evening strolls to visitors capturing the mesmerizing view of the sea, the Gateway acts as a hub for cultural exchange and leisure.

The juxtaposition of the old and the new, with the majestic Taj Mahal Palace Hotel in the backdrop, creates a striking visual contrast and emphasizes Mumbai's dynamic blend of tradition and modernity.

After the students were finished with their tour of the Gateway of India, they all boarded their buses and left for their hotels.



### Day 6: News Bulletin: College on Wheels

#### Jammu University's "College on Wheels" Takes a Timeout

**November 24, 2023** – Students at Jammu University hit pause on their studies today during the

"College on Wheels" adventure. After dealing with a busy and tiring schedule, they opted for a short

break to recharge and get ready for the next part of their journey.

The break wasn't just about rest; it was a chance for students to relax and bond. This break is seen

as a quick pit stop, giving them the energy boost needed to face upcoming challenges. As they gear up to continue their unique educational journey, the students are excited, refreshed,

and ready for whatever comes next. The College on Wheels project at Jammu University remains a lively blend of learning, adventure, and a strong sense of community. J&K students hopped on the College on Wheels Express at Lokmanya Tilak after a lively survey of the station's shops. From traditional vendors to modern boutiques, they explored local commerce, gaining hands-on insights. Excitement fills the air as the train departs, promising a unique blend of education and adventure on this rolling classroom.

