

## TAWARIKH

### DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

An Induction Programme was held for the Freshers of Department of History Tawarikh: An association of the history department. The orientation, saw the participation of a huge number of students. Brief introduction about the induction programme, Course was put forward by our Teacher Incharge Of History Department Prof. Rajiv Kumar Sir. Hosting of the event was done by the Joint Secretary of Tawarikh ,Mr. Yash Sirohi. After the small introduction by Prof. Rajiv Kumar, the other crucial information about the societies, opportunities in those societies and facilities in those societies were given by a member of Tawarikh, Ms. Sharmishtha Dasgupta. At the end of the orientation a questioning session was put to know the queries and doubts of the audience. Few questions were raised .

The main purpose of the Departmental Orientation held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023 was to foster a sense of cohesion and camaraderie within the department. The program was hosted by Dhruvswamini Deora and Divya. The felicitation ceremony commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Krishnan Gopal Tyagi, Dr. Rakesh Kumar and Prof. Narendra Kumar Pandey. Their gracious presence was a true inspiration. All the outgoing office bearers and team were felicitated by the teachers of the department. Secondly, the volunteers were awarded certificates for their exceptional work. The ceremony proceeded with the presentation of badges to the incoming office bearers were provided badges.

Tawarikh organized a heritage walk to Purana Qila on 25<sup>th</sup> October. All the students and faculty members including Dr. Krishnan Gopal Tyagi, Dr Sachi Meena, Dr. Parul Gaur, Dr. Arvind Patel, Dr. Shyamjeet Yadav and Prof. Rajiv Kumar were present there near the gate of Purana Qila at 9:00 am and the office bearers responsibly took the attendance and settled everyone along with the tickets. Dr. Shachi Meena addressed the students about the 3 gateways known as Bada Darwaza, the South Gate which is known as the Humayun gate and the Talaqi gate. The heritage walk included various activities to engage and educate participants. The participants were divided into smaller groups and provided with expert guide tour Dr. Sarjun Prasad (Assistant archaeologist). He covered forts, architectural features, historical significance, museums, and stories behind different structures. During the walk students had the opportunity to ask questions . The participants with refreshments. It successfully achieved its objectives of enhancing students' understanding, appreciation and preservation of historical heritage.

A Talk Session on the theme "History and Historiography" was organised at Ram Lal Anand College (University Of Delhi) under Tawarikh: An association of the history on 06<sup>th</sup> December 2023 . It saw the participation of numerous students who expressed their queries and thoughts on the topic. Department head our Teacher in charge Prof. Rajiv sir gave a short overview. The informative talk session was conducted by professor Shashi Upadhyay. The objective of the session was to raise awareness and build a crucial sense of understanding history. The coordination of the event was handled by Dr. Krishna Gopal Tyagi. At the end the anchor Kumar Prasun, expressed gratitude to all participants.

The Department of History organized an International Conference on the 1st and 2nd of March, 2024 on the theme: "Cultures in Transformation: A Subcontinental Experience" under the guidance of Prof. Rakesh Kumar (Principal). The event was graced with many prominent historians and

academicians such as – Dr.Himanshu Chaturvedi, Dr. Kaushal Kumar Sharma, Dr. Gianluigi Segarlerba, Dr. R Mahalaxmi, Dr. Raziuddin Aquil and many more. The conference's convener, Dr. Krishan Gopal Tyagi, introduced the concept of culture, emphasizing its importance in our experiences and the protection it receives from both ordinary people and academics. Dr. Himanshu Chaturvedi emphasized the need to discuss culture with the youth, urging a shift from "unity in diversity" to "unity in diversity", during the inaugural session.

The conference covered six sessions on Knowledge Systems, Literary and Visual Cultures, Popular Cultures, Sacred Traditions, and Cultural Studies: Historical Perspectives. The first session, led by Dr. R C Pradhan, Dr. Gianluigi Segarlerba, and Dr. Aparna Dhir Khandelwal, discussed the body, heart, and soul, focusing on life's deeds and afterlife.

Seema Bawa, Shandhaya Sharma, Pratik Kumar, Prem Kumar, and Y.S. Alone discussed literary cultures, addressing assumptions about vernacular literature, archaeological evidence of Dwarka and Krishna, and natakays' impact on cultural amalgamation. Dr. R Mahalaxmi, Dr. Y.S. Alone, Dr. Seema Bawa, and Dr. Deepti Bharatwaj discussed modernity, art practices, iconography, and Maqbool Fida Husain paintings.









# EXCURSION TO RAKHIGARHI

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OF HISTORY, RAM LAL ANAND  
COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

# DETAILS

- NAME OF THE EVENT:
- EXCURSION TO RAKHIGHARHI
- NATURE OF THE EVENT:
- EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIP TO RAKHIGHARHI FOR THE STUDENTS OF DEPT. OF HISTORY
- DATE AND DURATION OF THE EVENT:
- 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, WHOLE DAY
- PARTICIPANTS:
- STUDENTS OF 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR
- FACULTY OF DEPT. OF HISTORY
- NO. OF PARTICIPANTS:
- 100
- HOST:
- TAWARIKH:THE ASSOCIATION OF HISTORY

## TRIP REPORT

Tawarikh, the association of history organized an educational trip to Rakhigarhi on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 for the students of Department of History. Rakhigarhi is the name given to the



ancient sites of Rakhikhas and Rakhishahpur, located on the right bank of Drishadvati.

All the students and the faculty members including Dr.Rajiv kumar,Prof.Narendra Kumar Pandey,Dr.Shachi Meena,Dr.Parul Lau Gaur and Mr.Rohit Kumar had gathered near Durgabai Deshmukh South Campus Metro Station, Gate no. 1 at 7:30 AM and the office bearers responsibly took the attendance and settled everyone in the buses. Dr. Rajiv Kumar, convenor of Tawarikh generously gave all the student juice boxes before starting the journey. The journey started at 9 AM and the buses reached the destination at 3 PM.



On reaching the destination, the students and the faculty members were served lunch by the Rakhigarhi Resort. By 4 PM,all the students and faculty then head for the exploration led by Mr.Balram Kumar ,who took us to the mounds and explained about Rakhigarhi as an Indus valley site and how excavations are done.



Mr. Balram Kumar told the students about Rakhigarhi being the largest site of Indus Valley Civilization, how archeologists work and enlightened everyone with the details of the discoveries and life of the people of the civilization.

He told the students about how vertical and horizontal excavation is done and showed the evidences of garbage pits, different levels and layers showing different time periods of the civilization. The excavations in Rakhigarhi started in 1963 by Dr. Amrender Nath of ASI, later in 1969 by Dr. Suraj Bhan of Kurushetra University, the excavation took place in 1997–98, 1998–99 and 1999–2000 by ASI as well, 2011-16, Dr. Vasant Shinde of Deccan college excavated the area and the most recent excavation started in 2021- till date under Dr. Disha Ahluwalia.

Later, Mr. Balram Kumar took the students and faculty to mound 3 where he introduced everyone to Dr. Disha Ahluwalia, the archeologist and Dr. Alok Sharma, the anthropologist working there. Dr. Disha Ahluwalia showed us excavation is being done there and Dr. Alok Sharma told about 3<sup>rd</sup> mound being a habitational mound and 7<sup>th</sup> mound being the burial mound. The Anthropologist showed us index trench (

consisted of layers indicating the different time periods), pottery yard, perforated jars, storage jars, kitchen items, terracotta bangles, terracotta cakes and told about hearth (used during cooking for maintaining temperature).

After the lectures the students and the faculty took some pictures as mementos of the excursion. Office bearers of Tawarikh including Sanskriti Semwal(President),Raman Jha(Secretary),Mohit Tak(Treasurer) and Yash Sirohi(Joint secretary) then looked after the boarding along with the volunteers of Tawarikh and left for Delhi at 6 PM.



On the way back to Delhi, due to some mechanical issues with one of the two buses, the schedule got delayed and Tawarikh decided to hold dinner for the students and faculty as well and took everyone to Mannat Haveli for dinner. The buses reached Delhi at 3 AM and to the college at 3:30 AM. The faculty and the office bearers then asked to stay and rest in college till 6:30 AM.



The office bearers and volunteers of Tawarikh then looked after the stay and made sure that everyone left and reached home safely.

## **TRIP TO ALMORA**

A 3 day trip to the Patiya Village of Almora was organized by the Department of History of Ram Lal Anand College , University of Delhi from 05<sup>th</sup> May 2024-08<sup>th</sup> May 2024.About 20 Students from the Final year joined in along with 3 esteemed professors of the Department (Convenor- Dr. Krishan Gopal Tyagi, Dr.Shachi Meena & Dr. Shyamjeet Yadav) . The trip started with a train Journey from New Delhi Railway station to Kathgodam railway station at 6:20 AM in morning on 05<sup>th</sup> of May 2024. Upon reaching the station Contacted transporter through a Bus took Teachers and students to The destined Homestay at Patiya Village . the Bus took a Halt at the Neem Karori Dham where students explored the temple complex and had lunch. This was followed by the Dinner at Homestay .

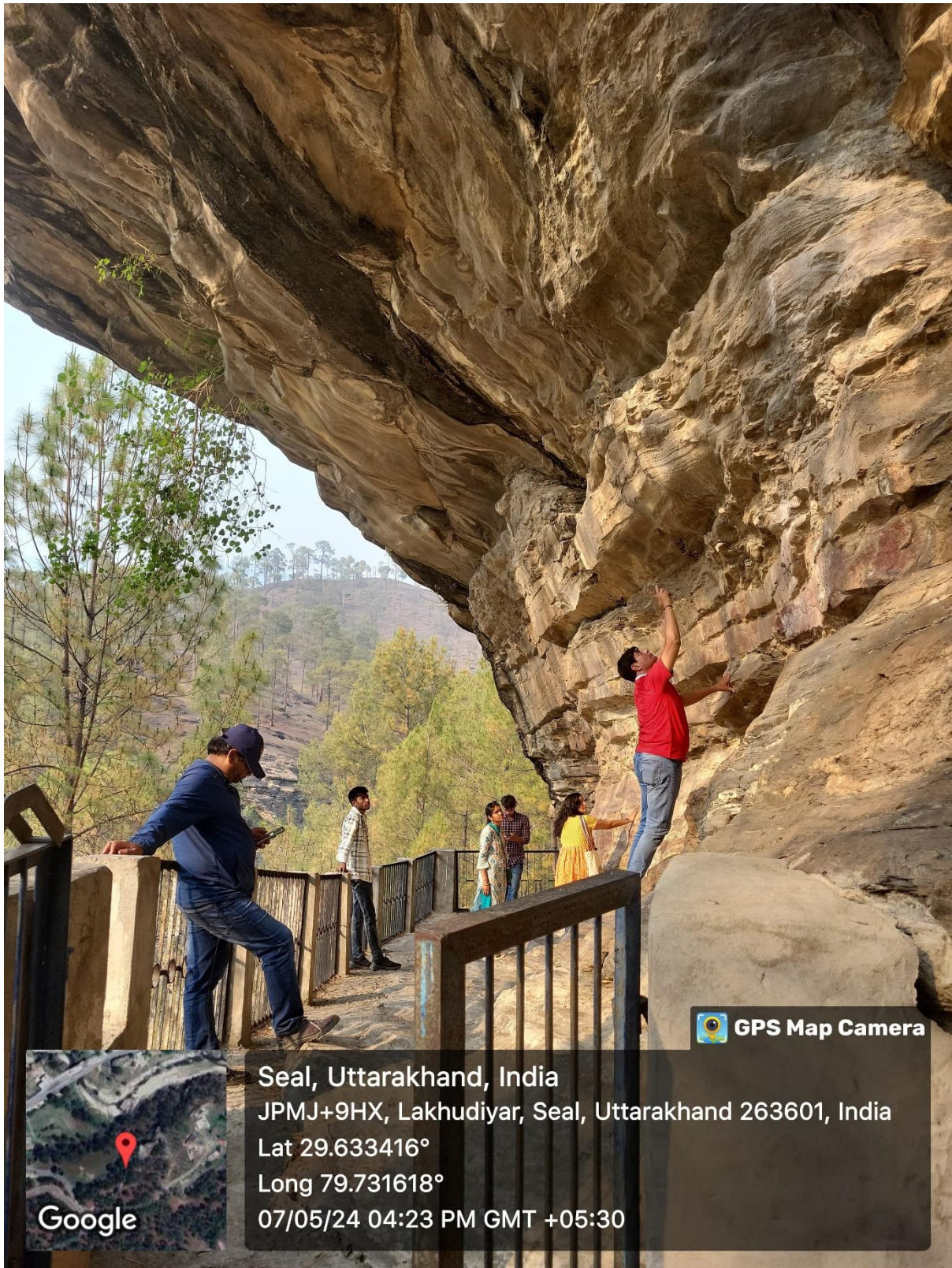
On Day 2 of the excursion Suniyar kot , an Ancient Naula and Guldar Valley was explored. At Suniyar Kot Students and teachers had a chance to interact with the family members of great Indian poet Sumitranandan Pant. Later at Naula different iconographies engraved on the walls of Naula were seen and Students asked various questions regarding the depicted Iconographies of the wall on Naula . after Naula the natures beauty amidst of light rainfall were witnessed in the Guldar valley . students then returned to the Homestay in view of Heavy rainfall. This was followed by bonfire and dinner.

On Day 3 of the excursion after having breakfast Ancient group of temples (Jageswar dham) , Archaeological Museum of Jageswar, Lakhudiyar Caves and Kasar Devi temple were explored. At the jageswar group temples various iconographies were seen by the students after the visit at Jageswar group of temple Archaeological Museum of Jageswar was explored where Dr. Krishan Gopal Tyagi along with Dr. Shachi Meena and Dr. Shyamjeet Yadav explained the students about the various imageries present at the Museum . this was followed by the visit to the Ancient Rock paintings of Lakhudiyar Caves and then students along with teachers went on to explore Kasar Devi Temple understanding its religious as well as unique geographical feature and relishing natures beauty . this was followed by Dinner at Homestay.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024 students along with teachers left for Kathgodam Railway station at 7:00 am morning . On the way had lunch at Neem karori Dham and at 3:00 PM reached Kathgodam Railway station and from there left for New Delhi Railway station.







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LAKHUDIYAR CAVE PAINTING





Different Iconographies at Naula





Different Iconographies at Naula





Ancient Group of temples at Jageswar





Iconographies at the walls of Jageswar group of temple





Kasar Devi temple