

THE INME CAMP PANCHGANI 2018

DAY 2

THE EXHILIRATING

BURMA BRIDGE EXPERIENCE!

It is but expected that a camping experience should emulate a wide range of lessons that campers take away from the outdoor adventure activities at camp. Thus the Student Leadership Camp for Class XI was introduced three years ago to the students at DPS Pune.

On the second day of the Leadership Camp the students embarked on a host of adventure activities in the beautiful environs of Panchgani. They participated in various enjoyable adventure activities like: Rock Climbing, Trekking, Caving etc. On participating in the activities they realized opportunities given to them to discover the values of independence, self-reliance, co-operation and teamwork.

The experience of Burma Bridge meant a sudden gush of anxiety and adrenaline. The students were informed about the history behind the name. The name 'Burma Bridge' is acquired from hanging bridges used extensively in Burma during World War II to cross numerous rivers. A Burma Bridge is usually constructed over a ditch, pond or a gorge, reasonably above the ground. It has three ropes set in a triangular fashion – a bottom foot rope (or cable) on which you walk and two ropes that serve as a 'railing' held by your hands.

The bridge is stretched across a gorge and is anchored on to artificial structures. The students had to wear a harness which connected them to a safety rope. As they hopped on and started walking, the bridge began swinging and thus made it a challenge to balance. It was undoubtedly a brilliant confidence building exercise which called for body – mind balance and concentration.

CAVING

As the name suggests, Panchgani is a quaint place perched between five magnificent hills. Offering some of the most amazing viewpoints of the hills, this place is one the most favourite and easy getaways and top destinations for trekking. Stretching for about 95 acres, this is one of the longest mountain plateaus in Asia, with a magnificent viewpoint.

This camp has scenic beauty, pleasant climate, bountiful nature and fascinating trekking options. The place is dotted with captivating and green rolling hills, embraced by the low-floating clouds, enchanted by the never-ending hues. The students had the most exhilarating experience of exploration. It is a somewhat unusual adventure activity that involves exploring the caves which is especially wilder. They got ready with the head torch and felt as if they had entered a lost world. The expedition began and all they could see was the dark and murky world inside caves along with rocks and mud for company. They were guided by expert cavers who helped them entire way!

The students were amazed by this place because it was not just spectacular on the surface; but was equally spectacular underground as well. The route out was just as exciting. The students were both proud and muddy when they finished the adventure! They had explored the unexplored and are waiting eagerly to share their experiences with all back home.

"I had such an awesome day today! We had to go to visit the caves and it was not at all as I had expected. What a wonderful experience. The caves we see in pictures are absolutely different from these. This was like an exciting obstacle course. What a superb learning experience" **Sreya Boddeti XI-B**

"I really enjoyed today. We went for a trek and rock climbing and I enjoyed every moment of it. This truly is an experience with good memories."- **Vaibhav Gupta XI-B**

"We had a really remarkable time today! The trek as well as the rock climbing was a really unforgettable experience. I loved the breath taking views." -**Mahika Singh XI-C**

"Today was an adventurous activity day. The rock climbing experience was exhilarating." -**Ananya Kumar XI-D**

"Cave exploration and rope activities were the highlights of the day. Never thought teamwork was so important! We had a lot of fun as we overcame a lot of fears and ensured that we enjoyed thoroughly." **Chinmay Kerhalkar XI-C**

"This truly is a lovely experience with INME. I could never have imagined that cave exploration could be so exciting. Loved the experience!" **Ronit Waikar XI-C**

"The rock climbing activity today was challenging. Made the day truly a great one! I am really looking forward to Day 3!" **Vinil Gupta XI-A**

"I have had unrestricted fun and boundless learning experiences." **Jahnavi Abburi XI-B**

"This camping activity is super fun. We're taking part in some thrilling once-in-a-lifetime experiences. I have rediscovered myself. I have breathed fresh mountain air. The night view is beautiful from here. I got over my claustrophobia and fear of heights too." **Varun Issarani XI-D**

"I am having an extraordinary experience at the Camp! I have never stretched my abilities so far. Thanks to DPS Pune and the INME Camp organisers for allowing me to rediscover my potential." **Nikunj Data XI-C**

"This is an uplifting experience and a great relief from continuous studies." -**Shreyas Jain XI-B**

"We went for caving today, which was not only exciting but also very challenging. I feel more confident of myself after participating in all the activities."- **Sancheet Basarikatti XI-A**

"I loved all the activities that they made us do today. I never thought that I could do these tasks. I am very confident that I can do the tasks in the coming three days now."- **Lekhya Udayagiri XI-C**

"The day started with a warm up which was really energizing. The scenic beauty around is overwhelming." **Priyanshi Gupta XI-A**

"Today we participated in cave exploration and a rope course activity. I have never done such activities earlier. It has taught me all about being determined to face difficulties of life and be positive. I loved it."-**Sarah Dekhani XI-D**

"Today's activities were electrifying. While performing the activities we didn't get anytime to even think. Great learning experience!" **Dhimahi Patel XI-B**







