GANGA YATRA – A Journey of Self Discovery
Pictorial overview
Phases of the Experiential Learning Process

1. EXPERIENCING
2. PROCESSING: observations and reflections
3. GENERALISING: from experience
4. APPLYING

REAL WORLD
OBJECTIVE

• To unfold individual's inner potential
• To create awareness about the society, environment, religion, culture and globalisation
Participants were provided with a Learning Framework. The journey focused on learning through experience, learning through reflection on doing. The experiences engaged students in critical thinking, problem solving analyzing and decision making. This approach to learning also involved making opportunities for debriefing and consolidation of ideas and skills through feedback, reflection, and the application of the ideas and skills to new situations.
Presentations by Students
MY DREAM TRIP
Overcome fear

Team work

Never quit
Traveling and staying

Learning to be independent
Discovered a new way of life

- Different food, point of views, and cultures
But still needs some changes

If you don’t know how to clear it, don’t create it.
- Environmental issue
- Falling sick
- Socializing with others
- Exploring cities
- Seminars
THANK YOU!!
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A Journey of India
One river
One month

PC: Ashwin
the group

- “I am a traveller”
- testing limits
- learning inside, learning outside - glimpses

a new family

PC: Ashwin
meanings

- Farmers
- Environmentalists
- Me
- Hindus
- Energy
- Dev Prayag
- The Divine
An education and home that offers me this opportunity and nurtures me to recognise that everything is a learning.

Nature in the form of the Ganga is an entity that cannot be explained. It has to be seen and felt, just as I was fortunate enough to do.
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GANGA
“The Untold Truth”
Experiencing/Exploring “Doing”

Team Work

Coordination

To be positive

Realizing the mental strength

“Mental toughness is learned... If you have motivation you can acquire mental toughness, it's just about what your body gets used to putting up with.”

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Sharing/Reflecting
“What Happened?”

- Work as team
- Adjust with others
- Be in present
And most important
Always be happy
Processing/Analyzing
“What’s Important?”

Some were good
Some were bad

All problems were solved together
At evening circle time
Generalizing “So What?"

Common Sense

There's definitely a lot of irresponsibility.

Heather Janik

Mindset

Responsibility
Application “Now What?”

Support

ASSIST

GUIDE

ADVICE
Did you unlearn anything
Thank You
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G2G

Gaumukh to Gangasagar
Experiencing/Exploring “Doing”

- My inner voice
- learned a little bit more about life
- Self discovery
- Beauty of traveling
“What Happened?”

My project - Communicate with people about how their daily activities affect the river and find solution to stop/reduce it.
What interested me..
Poverty is not just ABSENCE of Income.

Poverty is PRESENCE of Helplessness Powerlessness Voicelessness.
What the Government does here...
Yoga day – Spent 15.87 crores on sending SMS
Advertisements - The Aam Aadmi Party recently spent around Rs. 526 crore ads for their campaign, money which could have easily been used for almost any other reason.

In last 3 years, more than 3000 crores have been used for advertisement.
A rough estimate suggests the state government may have spent close to Rs 21,000 crore on handing them out.

3,370 crore for mixers, grinders and fans alone.
Mass publicity is not cheap...

But it's ok for the government when the taxpayers' money is being used to showcase the great things that they have done.
What the Government should do instead...

Education is one of the most important values of life. Every single being has the right to ask for education and the Government should always be there to support.

- more Government educational centres and institutes for children as well as adults should be started – at least till 10th or 12th grade where an individual gets the basic knowledge of what is right and what is wrong. Only with that minimum basic knowledge, all problems could come to an end.

- More campaigns have to be organised for people of rural areas in order to bring awareness of pollution and the problems that we are facing by pollution.
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Ganga Yatra

The journey within
Before I began

Living in my illusion, far far away from the truth
Experiencing Ganga

I hear and I forget, I see I remember
But when I do I understand.
Reflecting on the experience

Learning from the diverse experience, taking in information on all levels, mind, body and spirit.
Analyzing our reflections

Expanding my horizon, the more we saw the more we understood
Application

To do anything in the world we need to change ourselves first, and our actions will reflect our state of mind.
Unlearning

Remove the old to make room for the new
Thank You
DRAWING MONOGRAPH

- “ganga yatra” my experience
A traveler without observation is a bird without wings.
“Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all.”

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If your dreams don't scare you. They are not big enough.
A lifetime experience.

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- Rafting
- with faith you can move mountains, with doubt you can creat them.
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PHOTOS (Preparation in Auroville)
Journey Starts (from Auroville to Delhi by train)
Delhi (Site visit to Jama Mazid, India Gate and Other Places). Seminar with The energy Research Institute on Gangotri Glacier & Climate Change)
In Bus  (Hired a bus from Delhi till Kolkata to travel the course of the river)
Rishikesh (Just a overnight stay...our first morning circle)
GANGOTRI 3100 m, above sea level (2 days stay to get acclimatize & understanding religious & Spiritual significance of the Ganga)
Trek to Bhojwasa 3800m above sea level (after trekking 14 kms we reached close to the glacier)
Strength & Fears Encountered
Trek to Gamukh 3900m above sea level (the origin of Bhagirathi river)
Sense of achievement
New Tehri  *(story of the lost city & development)*
DEVPRAYAG (Birth of the Ganga: Confluence of Bhagirathi & Alakhnanda)
RAFTING  ( A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE )
RISHIKESH (Consolidation of Learning)
ROORKEE (Introduction to the structural development over Ganga)
HARIDWAR (Gateway to the God...)
KANPUR (Impact of industrialisation & urbanisation)
ALLAHABAD (Confluence: Ganga Yamuna & Saraswati)
VARANASI (Spiritual capital of India)
Ghazipur (Adilabad – Rural aspect of India)
BHAGALPUR  (Rich Biodiversity)
Rajmahal (Vastness of the river...Tribal land)
Kolkata (outburst of culture)
GANGA SAGAR (United at last...)
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