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STUDY TOUR – VARANASI

ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-2020

Places visited: Varanasi
From 04th June 2019 to 14th June 2019

Tour itinerary

Day 1: 04th June 2019 – Tour begins. Mumbai – Varanasi
- Departure from LTT MUV – 12167.

- Overnight train journey.

Day 2: 05th June 2019 – Mumbai – Varanasi
- Overnight train journey.

Day 3: 06th June 2019 – Varanasi

- 05:00 hours: Arrive in Varanasi

- After check-in in hotel, visit to Assi Ghat for settlement study.

- Dinner and overnight stay at hotel.

Day 4: 07h June 2019 – Varanasi

- Madanpura Handlooms – Study of weavers community.

- 20:00 hours: Dinner and overnight stay at hotel.
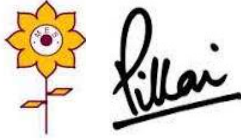
Day 5: 08th June 2019 – Varanasi

- Varanasi to Mubarakpur (district Azamgarh) – Looms.

- Dinner and overnight stay in hotel.

Day 6: 09th June 2019 – Varanasi

- Varanasi to Mubarakpur (district Azamgarh) – Looms.

- Dinner and overnight stay in hotel.

Day 7: 10th June 2019 – Varanasi

- Kotwa – Sarey Mohana – Looms.

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- 21:00 hours: Dinner and overnight stay at hotel.

Day 8: 11th June 2019 – Varanasi

- Bazaardiha, Lallapura – Looms.
- 20:00 hours: Dinner and overnight stay at hotel.

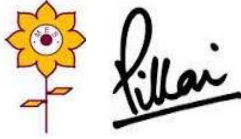**Day 9: 12th June 2019 – Varanasi**

- Weavers community – Settlement study and trade networks.
- Dinner and overnight stay at hotel.

Day 10: 13th June 2019 – Varanasi – Mumbai

- 06:00 hours: Overnight train to Mumbai 02046.

Day 11: 14th June 2019 – Mumbai

- Reach Mumbai.

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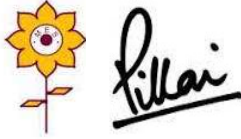Approved by COA, Government of Maharashtra and Affiliated to University of Mumbai   **Inst. Code- AR3427**

Selection of the Location:

Varanasi, or Benaras, (also known as Kashi) is one of the oldest living cities in the world. Varanasi`s Prominence in Hindu mythology is virtually unrevealed. Mark Twain, the English author and literature, who was enthralled by the legend and sanctity of Benaras, once wrote "Benaras is older than history, older than tradition, older even than legend and looks twice as old as all of them put together.

The land of Varanasi (Kashi) has been the ultimate pilgrimage spot for Hindus for ages. Hindus believe that one who is graced to die on the land of Varanasi would attain salvation and freedom from the cycle of birth and re-birth. Abode of Lord Shiva and Parvati, the origins of Varanasi are yet unknown. Ganges in Varanasi is believed to have the power to wash away the sins of mortals.

Ganges is said to have its origins in the tresses of Lord Shiva and in Varanasi, it expands to the mighty river that we know of. The city is a centre of learning and civilization for over 3000 years. With Sarnath, the place where Buddha preached his first sermon after enlightenment, just 10 km away, Varanasi has been a symbol of Hindu renaissance. Knowledge, philosophy, culture, devotion to Gods, Indian arts and crafts have all flourished here for centuries. Also, a pilgrimage place for Jains, Varanasi is believed to be the birthplace of Parsvanath, the twenty-third Tirthankar.

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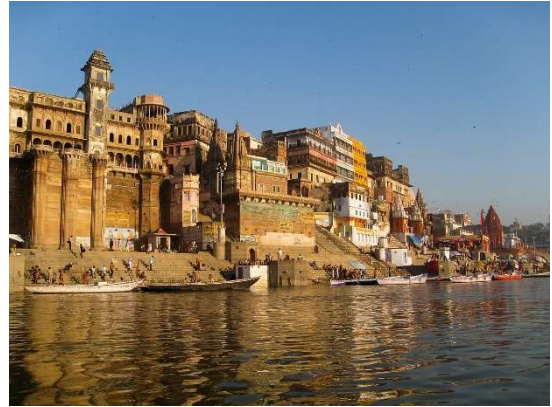Tel: 02192- 252005 / 250066   Fax: 02192- 252062
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