

Recently the senior students from Reach Beyond, an NGO which runs an After school program for First Generation School Going Children went on a field trip to visit the Kolanapakka Jain Temple and the Fort and Thousand Pillar Temple at Warangal. They share their experience of the trip through these essays.

## Jashwah's trip to Warangal

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We started our journey from reach beyond. We left at 6 clock in the morning .it was a good day.we had a vehicle in which we went on the trip to Warangal.there was no traffic on the road because it was morning.we went on the highway roads.they were very broad. First we went to Aler to visit the Kolanpakjain temple.Secunderabad to Aler it was 80 kilometers.Mahaveerjain is the god of Jains. He is the main god of Jains.unfortunately we saw big idol of Buddha.i heard a new word calledTirtankars for the first time so I learnt a new word.the Jains wore a handkerchief on their mouth.so that they do not kill bacteria when they exhale.that living organisms cannot die by them sothey will wear ahandkerchief.the sculptures of gods were done in a marvelous way. The sculpting of walls was beautiful.On the marble there is inlay work. It was fantastic architecture by architects. The outlay work on the templewas fabulous. In inlay work they kept the shining part of shell.Stone carving of the temple also different from the inlay.It was a belief that if we stay 24 hours in the temple we can see the idol in the morning as a child, in the afternoon as a Youngman when it is night as an old man. This is one way, If anyone wants t check whether it is a true deity. In order to protect the MahaveerJain idol from furtherdamage they covered the body with silver plates. Therenovation of this Jain temple was 25 years ago.so it was renovated beautifully.There were so many cottages in the temple for the pilgrims to stay at night.wewent to breakfast there we ate Pongal, Khakara, ghati,and murmure.in the temple we saw a narrow route which was representing the idols so it was tremendous experience. Afterleaving the temple we are travelling to Warangal while travelling we stopped.we went to a mess to eat lunch. After eating the lunch we started our journey to Warangal. We weretravelling for a long time and we went to Rudramadevi'sfort, in that fort there were many broken pillars. Theywere ruined differently.At that time, many centuries ago when wars happened in the Kakatiya dynasty. While entering the Warangal gateway we felt excited. When we were travelling we saw so many hills enrout. When we went toWarangal fort park we enjoyed very much .after leaving the Warangal fort park, we ate a choco-bar ice cream. When we entered the thousand pillar temple there were so many pillars. It is made up of stone.while entering in to the thousand pillar temple we have to leave our slippers and only then we enter the temple.in that temple there was pond which had turtles and tortoise in it. We stayed there till 5:30 pm. Then we started leaving from there. Then we ate dinner at 8:00pm.it was a spectacular momment in the Petrol bunk. After 2 hours of travelling by bus we finally reached, reach beyond by 10:30.

## Our trip to temples - Kiran

On 24/01/2016, all the seniors of Reach Beyond went for a trip to Aler and Warangal. InAler we saw Kolanpaka Jain temple and in Warangal we saw thousand pillars temple. Meena teacher,Yadgiri,Chanti,Koteshwarrao and Vinay came to take care of us.

### History

Five days agoJayashree madam planned to send us on a trip. When I heard the notice about the trip I was excited to go. Madam told us to come early at sharp six in the morning, so we all came in the morning. After all the seniors came we all started our journey. We started at 6:50 in the morning. There was no traffic in the morning. It was cold in the morning so we all wore sweaters. After nearly two hours we reached Jain temple inkolanupaka,Aler. I was feeling very happy. The temple watch men told us to remove our foot wear before we enter into the temple. So we all removed our foot wear and went into the temple. The temple was very beautiful.Indira madam told us to observe the inlay and outlay work. First time we did not see the temple well because the watch men did not allow us to see it carefully.

Then we came out and saw a horse. While we were looking at the horse, Indira madam called Jayashree madam and told that the watch men did not allow us to see carefully, so ma'am told to give the phone to volunteers and asked permission to see it once again and they granted it. Then again we went to the temple and saw it carefully. We knew that the temple was present since thirteen hundred years and was renovated twenty five years ago.

The lord in the temple was Lord Mahavira. There is a green color stone idol made of jade in the temple which is rare to find. There are three temples one in the middle and two others beside it. In the middle temple there are idols of all gods and goddesses of Jains. In the right side temple there are four disciples of Lord Mahavira and in the left side temple there are idols of Lord Mahavira. In the middle temple there is a green colored stone idol. They covered silver till the neck because the stone is getting damaged. To protect it they covered it with silver. Only we can see the neck in the green colour. There were chandeliers hanging on the ceilings. They were beautiful and they are rare to find or see. Jains have the belief that they should not harm or kill any living organisms even the bacteria. If they do their belief is that they become a sinner. We saw inlay in the temple on the floors. We also saw the stone carving. The outlay was also beautiful. The whole temple was built in stone. It was stunning. Then we ate the breakfast in the temple. I did not like it much. The food we ate was pongal, murmure, khahra, ghati as our breakfast and also drank chai there. The volunteers served us very well. Then we came out and then started our journey to Warangal. It took nearly 2 hours to reach. On the way we all sang songs, played pranks and jokes on others. After reaching Warangal at nearly 1:30 in the afternoon we ate our lunch at a mess. We ate rice, dal, chutney, aalu curry with curd. It was good. After eating the lunch we went to Warangal fort because at that time the thousand pillars temple was closed. It was in ruins and very historical. We went in to the park but we did not play any game. We went and climbed the hill. There was a watch tower. Ma'am told that the soldiers will see from here when any enemies enter into the kingdom for war. From the top of the hill it was a striking view. Beside it there was a lake. On the hill we took the photos there. Then we went to the fort park. The pillars were broken. The pieces of pillars were on the ground. But some were still standing. The four gateways of Warangal which are now the symbol of Telangana were also standing. There was also anand there. There we ate ice-cream. In front there was a small temple. It is said that from that there is a secret tunnel to thousand pillars temple. After this we went to the thousand pillars temple. It was not as good as I thought. The temple was built by King Rudra Deva of Kakatiya dynasty. In the temple also there was a huge Nandi. We all told our wish in Nandi's ear. Inside there was the lingam of Lord Shiva. There we took good photos and enjoyed. Then we started our journey to return home. In the way we enjoyed, sang songs, played antakshari. On the way nearly at 8 p.m. we ate our supper of vegetable rice biriyani, and curd. The funny thing is that we ate our supper in the front of petrol bunk. Then we started our journey to return home we played antakshari on the way again. By the time we reached home it was 10:30 in the night.

I liked the inlay and outlay in the Jain temple. They were beautiful. The idols were some black and white. They were nice. I liked the poojaris belief of covering their face because by breathing also we kill some small organisms like bacteria. So, to prevent that they cover their nose. In thousand pillars temple there is a pond. In that we saw turtles. The temples pillars were attached to each other. If we compare both the temples I liked the Jain temple better. But for information about wars, and dynasties Warangal fort and thousand pillars temple was very interesting. On the whole, the trip was awesome.

The trip to Warangal and aaler was very good. I enjoyed the whole day a lot thanks to Jayashree madam for taking us there. If once again we planned to go then I will definitely go.

# Praveen Sharma trip to Warangal

We started our journey from reachbeyond at 6 clock. then the vehicle arrived at 6 10 and we went in bus and we went with full speed on highway. in the morning there was no traffic and the air was fresh. then we reached aler at 8 30. the trip to aler was very nice we was singing. then we reached jain temple afterwards we was searching mahvir god at last we have seen mahavir was covered with steel. he was a main god of jains. unfortunately we saw big idol of Buddha i have seen some people who was tying handkerchief to their mouth so they do not kill bacteria by their exhelling. The sculpture of gods were done marvellously, the sculpture of the wall were beautiful on the marble there is in lay structure it was fanstatic architecture.the out lay of the temple was fabulas. in the lay work they kept the shining part of the shell they kept in lay art stone carves of the temple also different from the inside a belief that if we stay 24 hours in the temple we can see the god in the morning as achild in afternoon as a young man when it is night oldman. we went to breakfast there, we ate Pongal, Khakara, ghatai, and murmur.in the temple we saw a narrow route which was representing the idols so it was tremendous.The entrance was so good. And I saw two big trees, two fountains, two elephant which were made by granite. We saw one security man. We asked when this temple built. They said this was build 1500 years ago. And before 25 years they re build it. I came to know that there were big trees. Which are 1300 years old and we were asked to maintain silence in the temple. There were three temples. And I saw a chakra on the floor. They made first in-lay and them a color stone in it. Which is known as out-lay .The pillars were curved so beautifully. They curved it by stone carving. We saw four idols in the first temple. Two black idols and two white idols and we saw a big chandelier. And the idols were sculpted by black and white marble. And we went to the second temple. T he temple sculpture was so good. And again we saw four idols. From that one god name is peace god. The shells were kept on the body of the idols. And they were offering kasseri to the god. And we entered into the main temple. Therewere 10 chandeliers and 15 idols. And the hall was so big. And I saw the statues ofthe believers of the god Mahavir. we started leaving the Jain temple and the road was so narrow. And we travelled for 3:00 hrs at 1:30 at mess we ate lunch which was so delicious. And the distance was about 90 kms. After that we went to a Warangal fort wall. The park was so nice and we climbed a mountain. And we saw the lake; in that there were crocodiles. And then we saw a lake some people were doing boating in that. And indira mam told us history of that mountain. Whenever they want to fight, any one comes to capture, attack the kakatiyas dynasty the soldiers is to see from the mountain and protect themselves. After that we all go through the park. And I saw a sheep made of stone. And we went to another park .And the ticket cost was 5/- rupees for each person. And I saw so many pillars there. And I sat at one place and I was seeing the park by the time ice-creams were brought and I had taken mango flavored ice-cream. And I saw the symbol of present Telangna .After that we came to leave. In the road I saw a Rudramadevi statue who belongs to kakatiyas dynasty. After that we went to another temple mam told us the history of the temple. Mam told there is an underground way to reach the 1000 pillars temple which is known as secret tunnel. And we went to 1000 pillars temple; there is a grass while entering the temple the gate was so big. And I saw a big nandi. And there is a big lingam of Shiva. The temple style and architecture was good; it was Dravidian style. The temple was build over 10 decades ago .We sat at one place and we were talking about 1000 pillars temple. There were so manybelievers coming to 1000 pillars temple. And we taken so many photos and I saw the pond in that there were so many turtlesand tortoise. And we started leaving we started our journey at 6:00 I saw symbol of Warangal gateway and I saw a watch tower in the middle. At 7:45we stopped at petrol bunk to eat our dinner parcels. And we started leaving at 8:30. And we enjoyed the picnic very much. While returning home we all were talking about horror stories. At highway they use to say the route map of Hyderabad, Aler and Janagam. At 9:30we entered into thecity, at 10:00 we stopped at Reach beyond.

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# MAGICAL MOMENTS AT WARANGAL - Vasu

## INTRODUCTION :

Reach beyond planned a trip to Warangal on 24/1/16 only for seniors. And we have to travel at 6:30 in the morning and I saw a lot of wonderful things on the way to Warangal. I saw a big ground for army training. And I saw so many things here and there. Now there is a brief story about it.

## HISTORY :

Before five days jayashree mam told us we are going to Warangal. And we were preparing for the trip. And we started goggling about the temples were we are supposed to go. And we started discussing about the temples one day before and we have to carry our note books to write the important points about the temples. And we started our journey at 6:30.

## BODY:

When we are going I saw a big hills covered with clouds. There was no traffic in the morning .Till up pal we travelled in normal. A after up pal we travelled in highway road. And I saw so many fields on the way. It was so beautiful. And it was tremendous experience for me. After sometime we saw a railway track. After that we reached Aler. After 0:45 minutes we reached Jain temple. The entrance was so good. And I saw two big trees, two fountains, two elephant which were made by granite. We saw one security man. We asked when this temple built. They said this was build 1500 years ago. And before 25 years they re build it. I came to know that there were big trees. Which are 1300 years old and we were asked to maintain silence in the temple. There were three temples. And I saw a chakra on the floor. They made first in-lay and them a color stone in it. Which is known as out-lay .The pillars were curved so beautifully. They curved it by stone carving. We saw four idols in the first temple. Two black idols and two white idols and we saw a big chandelier. And the idols were sculpted by black and white marble. And we went to the second temple. T he temple sculpture was so good. And again we saw four idols. From that one god name is peace god. The shells were kept on their body of the idols. And they were offering kasseri to the god. And we entered into the main temple. There were 10 chandeliers and 15 idols were there. And the hall was so big. And I saw the statues of the believers of the god Mahavir .

We asked one priest where we can find the green stone. They were taken to the place where the green stone can find. We saw the green stone it was nothing but a Mahavir idol. Because the green stone is getting spoiled they covered the Mahavir statue with a silver coating .In Jain temple they believe that they should not harm any insect and bacteria. That's why they cover their mouth with a cloth. This knowledge was given by TIRTANKARAS. If they harm insect they should pray for the god. There are cottages for the people who take care of the temple. When we were going to break fast we saw a big Buddha statue. And we sat at the table they offered us break fast. That was so delicious some of the items are pongal , kakra, ghatia , and murmure . we started leaving the Jain temple and the road was so narrow . And we travelled for 3:00 hrs at 1:30 at mess we ate lunch which was so delicious. And the distance was about 90 kms . After that we went to a Warangal fort wall. The park was so nice and we claimed a mountain. And we saw the lake in that there were crocodiles. And then we saw a lake some people were doing boating in that. And indira mam told us history of that mountain. Whenever they want to fight, any one comes to capture, attack the kakatiyas dynasty the soldiers is to see from the mountain and protect themselves. After that we all go through the park. And I saw a sheep made of stone. And we went to another park .And the ticket cost was 5/- rupees for each person. And I saw so many pillars there. And I sat at one place and I was seeing the park by the time ice-creams were brought and I had taken mango flavored ice-cream. And I saw the symbol of present Telangna .After that we came to leave. In the road I saw a Rudramadevi statue who belongs to kakatiyas dynasty . After that we went to another

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Conclusion :

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