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BUSINESS & CULTURE OF INDIA



GSU Students at QUTB MINAR; site of the tallest man-made brick tower in India. Dr. Ujvala Rajadhyaksha and Karen Williams (Faculty Representatives)

Studying Abroad in India was an experience that delivered on every promise. Not only was it a fascinating adventure but a comprehensive learning environment as well. I am very thankful for all of the careful planning that went into the development of our thorough introduction to India's culture and diversity.

India is Diverse Religiously, Politically, and Culturally.

We need to experience this up close to understand its significance.

Top left: GSU at
NMIMS University
Mumbai with Faculty
Presenters.
Top right: At JAMA
MASJID in New Delhi
(Islamic Mosque)
Bottom Left: At Sikhs
holy BANGLA SAHIB
GURUDWARA, New
Delhi.

Bottom Right : Visiting a New Delhi Slum.



Since learning is my passion, I felt most at home at NMIMS University. The lectures were tailored to our interests in Business and Culture. The faculty presenters were extremely enthusiastic about these topics and shared a great deal of wisdom along with the vast amounts of data. The conversations that we had with the students were wonderful. My only wish would be to have had more time for interaction with them. In addition, the visit to the IT company, "CHATONGO"was especially great. Sagar Nagda, it's owner, had many business principles on Entrepreneurship to share.

The biggest challenge for me was to convince my wife to leave the country. This was her first attempt after watching me go abroad 6 times. Three of which were with our children. She adapted very well as I expected but not without much apprehension. She has learned to ignore the fears that have held her back for so long. We had an excellent time together on this new adventure. Now I think she is ready for China.

My biggest lesson during this trip was developing an understanding of India's diversity and it's challenges on the rise to economic strength and stability. The notion of two economies thriving at the same time is very intriguing. Much of its recent growth and media attention is due to technological advances and its use thereof. Still, for millions of people the old ways of doing things takes precedence. India is maximizing the 80 / 20 rule in a rich and daring way.

"I am committed to at least one STUDY ABROAD each year for as long as I am eligible. There is so much to learn concerning Globalization and its affects worldwide. There are many wonderful opportunities to interact with persons from different cultures. It is insanity to not venture out in order to grow with the world around us.

Every student needs this as a part of their growth and development in understanding the world in which we live."I am thankful for an organization like ARAMFO with people who understand the goals of the institutions they support. The logistics for each Study Abroad are handled with the students and faculty in mind. The selection of Tour guides, Air & Ground transportation, locations, hotels, passports, visas, and even insurance is organized and packaged for each destination. This is my second opportunity to attend and I am thoroughly impressed by how much was included and the excellence in execution. It would be very difficult for me to cover that much ground on foreign soil on my own. The services provided by ARAMFO are invaluable, making the decision to study abroad affordable and accessible. "