



The Bishop's Co-Ed School, Undri

Report on Staff Picnic to Monteria Village, Khalapur - 2nd September 2023

Proverbs 17:22 says, "A joyful heart is good medicine."



"The sounds of nature make a picnic even more delightful."

"From emperors in ancient China to Kings of the Roman Empires, a picnic is loved by humanity as it gives us a little escape from the monotonous life and acts as a fresh breeze to recharge our minds."

Keeping this fact in view, the meticulous management of 'The Bishop's Co-Ed School, Undri' organised a marvellous one-day fun filled staff picnic on 2nd September, 2023 (Saturday) to celebrate Teachers' Day. It was quite a liberation for teachers and the entire staff of the school from the monotonous day to day tasks.

Monteria Village is an agro tourism destination designed to give one an elevated experience of a quintessential village life. Spread across 36 acres in Raigad district's Khalapur town, they have nurtured an ecosystem that plants the visitors in the daily life, cuisine, culture, entertainment, art, and heritage of an Indian village. The Village captivates every soul naturally exposing to its grounding energy – **"BACK TO YOUR ROOTS."**

The day started with a prayer and some showers of blessings in the form of rains; the entire staff submitted their day in the hands of the almighty Lord and boarded the buses with high zeal and fervor heading towards the much-awaited picnic destination by 7:15 a.m. Entire journey was a blend of music, dance, giggles, laughter, clamour and some refreshments. The staff was completely enthralled and their joy knew no bounds!

Time just flew in the blink of an eye and we all reached Monteria Village approximately by 10:00 a.m. It was a warm welcome with flower shower and dhol beats, the lush green scenic and serene surroundings, the enchanting view of the village set up was all that could magnetize all of us at the very moment – indeed a kick start!! The staff was served with hot scrumptious breakfast by 10:30 a.m. in the dining zone.

Soon after the breakfast, the staff spread all over the village to explore, play, adventure, discover, purchase and to click and shoot to reminisce forever. A myriad of frolicsome activities like **the Zip Line, boating, cycling, traditional games, puppetry, carpentry, black smithy, basketweaving, pottery, swimming pool, rain dance, artificial waterfall, walk through the cave tunnel, Anganwadi, Mahila Grahudyog**, etc. were the main attractions of this exotic place.

By 1:30 p.m. we all had a flavoursome lunch and relaxed for a while; followed by a series of fun and team building games. All the teams participated enthusiastically and were rewarded. Tea and snacks were served post the fun filled games and we all packed up to return to the school by 4:30 p.m. Each teacher was presented with a beautiful gift before boarding their respective buses.

The staff enjoyed thoroughly to-and-fro!!

Our special and heartfelt thanks to our respected Principal, Mr. Julian Luke and our Headmaster, Mr. Ralph Russell for organizing such a wonderful trip for the entire staff for Teachers' Day which was rejuvenating and refreshing for all. We would also like to acknowledge and thank Team Adventure who were proactive in making all the arrangements and provisions for this event.



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