

THE BISHOP'S SCHOOL, CAMP

A REPORT ON – SECOND BAGLESS DAY ACTIVITY- A VISIT TO

THE NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL AND SOUTHERN COMMAND MUSEUM

On 15th April 2023, Saturday, the **Second Bagless Day Activity** was organized for the students of Class 6 of **The Bishop's School, Camp**, where they visited the **National War Memorial and Southern Command Museum**. The mood of the students was upbeat and full of patriotic fervour.



It came as a great surprise to all to learn that the War Memorial was constructed by raising money through contributions from people and corporate houses. The Memorial is dedicated to all the brave sons of India who made the supreme sacrifice while fighting with the enemies of the Nation. The Memorial was dedicated to the Nation on 15th August, 1998.



The complex that houses the National War Memorial, also has within its premises the Southern Command Museum. The complex showcases a number of artefacts belonging to the Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force, also referred to as the Tri-Services. The students were awestruck to see the MIG-23 BN fighter aircraft, the Vijayanta Main Battle Tank, replica of Indian Naval Ship Trishul, Artillery guns, Armoured tanks, Air Defence munition, automatic and semi-automatic weapons, vehicles, equipment and uniforms worn by the Armed Forces Personnel.

The museum displays numerous paintings, models, statues and plaques highlighting famous battles, military campaigns, war heroes, gallantry awards and other achievements of the Armed Forces from the pre-Independence and post-Independence eras. One of the prized possessions of the Museum is a Portuguese Flag captured during the battle for the Liberation of Goa and like all captured flags, it is displayed upside down.



The slogan - **‘One Flag, One Land, One Heart, One Nation’** made everyone stand up and take notice of the ethos and values that our soldiers live following and die defending.

As the tour culminated, the students walked with their heads held high and chests swollen with pride after having witnessed the rich traditions of the Indian Armed Forces. This tour will certainly motivate many young lads to serve our Nation, not only by joining the Armed Forces but also by choosing various other professions to serve the Motherland.

To sum up the experience, let us revisit the epitaph enshrined on the Kohima War Memorial -**‘When you go home, tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow, we gave out today’**.

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