

## THE BISHOP'S SCHOOL CAMP. JUNIOR SECTION

### CLASS 5

#### A REPORT ON A FIELD TRIP TO THE NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL

The National War Memorial, Southern Command, Pune stands proud in all its magnificence at Morwada Junction in Pune Cantonment. It is a prominent landmark of the city. It is unique because it is the only War Memorial in South Asia that has been erected through citizens contribution. The citizens' initiative in erecting a post-independence war memorial in Pune originated in Dec 1996 during the silver jubilee celebrations of India's decisive victory over Pakistan in 1971 which led to the birth of a new nation, Bangladesh.



This monument is dedicated to the martyrs of the post-independence period. It was built as a sign of gratitude to Indian soldiers, sailors, and airmen who made the supreme sacrifice to protect our national borders.

On 26<sup>th</sup> June, the students of class 5 attired in their cleanest clothes boarded the buses allotted to them. Since our school is just 15 minutes away, the journey was not tiring. The kids entered the War Memorial with the same enthusiasm as they felt at the start of the journey.

The students were overawed at the tall Memorial at a high granite tower, towering at 18 meters. On all sides of this tower were Marble panels. The panels had names of 2847 martyrs who laid down their lives for our nation since 15<sup>th</sup> August 1947.



Also on display are rare photos from World War I and some mentions of the glorious Maratha Empire. There are many guns, rockets, tanks, and models on display that were used by Indian soldiers to guard the nation. Some tanks include T-55, Patton Tanks, Mission Pawan, APCs or Armoured Personnel carriers, and more.



The MIG-23 BN placed in the premises was actually the one used during the Kargil war!





The field trip was very informative and it was the best way for our students to know and understand Indian heritage and culture, more so Pune's glorious History.



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