

Rotary Group Study Exchange 2010 Report



Saturday / Sunday, 30./31.01.2010 flight to India / Sightseeing at Kolkata



Image: GSE team and GSE-chair in front of the Victoria Palace in Calcutta

At check in at Frankfurt, there were initial problems due to the obesity of Chris' luggage. It had to be repacked again. But finally all was settled! While checking the hand luggage by Chris, he found out, that he had far too large quantities of liquid matters (drugs, contact lens fluids, detergents, etc.). It had to be removed.

Then finally we got started and after a quiet flight into Dubai, a smaller plane on the runway enforced us to take an extra midnight circle above the city. The airport is huge and we had more than 23 minutes to go and catch our onward flight to Kolkata.

After landing in Kolkata and all passport formalities, we finally found Swapan Choudhury with his wife and the Incoming DG of Rotary District 3240. In two taxi cabs our hotel in town was reached. Following a short break to get refreshed we started a beautiful first city tour with our hosts (Victoria Palace, Ganges and Science City). This was followed by our First "Fellowship" in the room of Hubert.

Monday, 01.02.2010 Flight from Kolkata via Guwahati to Dibrugarh

Breakfast had to be skipped since everything took too long! We, therefore, got breakfast during the flight from Kolkata to Guwahati. Again there were problems with the liquid containers in our hand luggage and even with a small lighter at Hubert's back pack. The subsequent transfer to the aircraft by bus for a distance of 30 m contributed to our amusement. Arriving at Dibrugarh we were met by Rotarians from Dibrugarh and Tinsukia.

During the onward travel by car to Tinsukia on crowded streets, we were breathless due to the actual situations.

After a warm welcome supported by lunch, we were transferred to the host families. The new customs, living, bedrooms, new smells, there were numerous new impressions for us and left a lot of open questions. Railroad Diesel engines are run during the night with a lot of noise in our new surroundings and we were greeted by the singing sounds from the mosques in the morning.



Image: tea plantations on the roadside

Tuesday, 02.02.2010 Tinsukia



Image: Visit the Women's College

The breakfast took place at the families, and then we went to the Women's College and met the director of women's Dr. Kohm. Following a short introduction we were impressed about the numerous questions. The interest was very high.

Then we went to DigBoi (India Oil Industry) to the local Rotary Club. We were welcome with a cup of tea and then visited a natural farm (project of Rotary DigBoi) with an introduction to

organic fertilizing and a project to train people in this respect. The interest of the people in this project is extremely high. Then we were introduced into the production technologies of Oil/Gas during a visit of the picturesque Museum at DigBoi.

During a visit to the 2nd World War Cemetery at DigBoi, we did not feel quite so well.

In the evening we participated at the Meeting of Rotary Club Tinsukia, during which we presented our first report on our backgrounds and Germany. Following a get-together we proceeded to our host families.

Wednesday, 03.02.2010 Tinsukia

We were led to a traditional village Assami (Okandi Sidukia Village). Here we had the chance to win a deep insight into an Assami-house, which is still shaped by traditional practices. Inter alia we were invited there to an Assami snack, sitting on the floor.

It was very striking to see the cleanliness in the village.

Apparently less civilized people are much more comprehensive compare to the situations in the "city". The village was clean and very well kept; this was very impressive to us.



Image: Visit to a village Assami, drinking tea on the floor



Image: Nadine and Christine at the Chamber of Commerce

Then, the first Vocational Program was held:

- Nadine and Christiane were at the "Chamber of Commerce"
- Hubert and Stefan at a manufacturer for electrical panels
- Chris in the town with Tinsukia's superintendent

Then we were directed to a gas separation plant outside the city of Diluajan. Furthermore, there was lunch at the Guest House. Following a visit to a Hindi-crematorium we joined in the Rotary Club at Diluajan.

The Fellowship Party, organized by Virendra Singh, was impressive. Among others we performed a so-called Bihu dance and enjoyed to be together with the other Rotarians. Strange for us, the party was finalized at 22:00 right after the dinner had ended.

Thursday, 04.02.2010 Tinsukia, Drive to Dibrugarh

Following a meeting at the "Highway Hotel" we were farewelled by our hosts and dozens of pictures were made. Then we were transferred to Dibrugarh by members of the Rotary Club of Tinsukia. Once there, a large reception followed in the Rotary Clubhouse at Dibrugarh.

After this reception we were moved directly to DHSK Commerce College, where a large audience of students waited in the auditorium maximum. After we have been greeted with enthusiastic applause we had a panel discussion with a lot of questions by the audience.



Image: Pennant exchange at RC Dibrugarh

Following it, we went to the host families, got introduced to our new rooms and had a common lunch. The rest of the day was devoted to the interaction with the host families and all team members were welcomed in different ways at Dibrugarh. This was followed by an evening meeting at the Rotary Club in the usual Indian style and scope.

After the official part quickly came to an end, we went home again to the host families.

Friday, 05.02.2010 Dibrugarh



Image: setting up the tent on the river island

On Friday we were spending almost a full day on a Boat Trip on deck of a normal transport ship on the Brahmaputra. We were singing and beer or soft drinks were served. The “waste” to our astonishment was thrown into the water not considering that this would diminish the quality of the river water. This created a serious discussion with respect to our environment and on the necessity to preserve the water. On a large sand bank in the middle of the river a tent was set up and we had lunch!

Again ground underneath our feet, we had a television press conference at the Club.

Following, a beautiful dinner was served at the house of one Rotarian. All served our complete satisfaction and with a lot of new impressions and tastes. Wishes and needs were exchanged in a jiffy. We had a lot of fun and a good appetite. Gifts were kindly passed and we went back home.



Image: setting up the tent on the river island

Saturday, 06.02.2010 Dibrugarh

We took our breakfast looking over the skyline of Dibrugarh in a not yet opened fast food restaurant. Following this, we had our Vocational day:



Image: View across Dibrugarh

- Christiane and Nadine at AXIS Bank
 - Hubert and Stefan at Ethanol Project and a project of a railroad bridge across the Brahmaputra.
 - Chris with the Add. Town Superintendent of Dibrugarh
- The day ended with a lunch at the home of a Rotary friend. Here traditional vegetarian food was served. To make it short it tasted delicious.

Following a short shopping trip, we went directly to the University, where we were very welcomed guests again.

On the part of the AXIS Bank in the Gymkhana Club, we were invited to a dinner. The course of the evening was simple again very pleasant. Nevertheless, all team members cheerfully celebrating as long as possible.

Sunday, 07.02.2010 Dibrugarh and drive to Kaziranga



Image: Immunization of an Indian child under the project of Rotary Polio Plus

Following breakfast we met Downtown in Dibrugarh and had an opportunity to attend a polio project of the Rotary and Rotaract Club of Dibrugarh. Hubert immunized with dedication Indian children. His 1st Class Grandpa-instinct he was obviously here to help.

A warm farewell of all members of our team followed an adventurous ride to the Kaziranga National Park. The trip took almost four hours and there were various technical incidents with respective delays in the journey. Again it showed us the situations on the Indian roads and the drivers convinced us of all the tricks with a surprise of crossing animals and people and sudden on coming buses on a collision course. Some of us closed their eyes and were happy to finally arrive at our final destination. Several convoys of official governmental vehicles contributed to reduce our travel speed.

Once in Kaziranga, we were all very impressed by the wonderful nature and location of the guesthouse. It is hard to describe how beautiful it is in such a wild park. We visited for the first time the park in an old jeep. We could see the feeding of elephants. It was a very impressive being able to experience these powerful but yet so gentle giants in the wilderness without any restriction. Of course, countless pictures were made.

Monday, 08.02.2010 Kaziranga and drive to Dimapur

Following an early rising (05:45 clock) at the lodge we were invited to sit on the back of an elephant, which turned out to be great fun.

Followed by a safari in an open jeep we could admire the variety of Indian fauna and flora. After a subsequent breakfast, we met two representatives of the RC Dimapur to pick us up and bring us to Dimapur. Arriving at Dimapur, we were greeted by Rtn NAIR on his property, coffee and cake was served. The ensuing evening program was



Image: on Elephant at Kaziranga National Park

specially organized for our team. The countless cultural and musical program points were marvelous. Following dinner, Hubert, Nadine and Christiane were transferred to their host Families. Stefan and Chris stayed with family Nair.



Image: Fire station at Dimapur

Tuesday, 09.02.2010 Dimapur

The entire morning was devoted to cultural matters. For this reason, we visited a small but very appealing Naga Museum. Then we had the opportunity to visit the local fire department and the Federal Bank. Lunch was served at Nadine's host Rtn. Lucy Akokla. Again dances and songs were presented specially for us. In the afternoon an Ayurvedic Relaxation Massage was offered by Rtn Nair, which all of us enjoyed. The very impressive, though also consistently ensured unusual



Image: Traditional Naga Dance

experience, even for animated conversations among the team. In the evening we were invited to a dinner by the host parents of Christiane. At the property, designated as highly impressive Indian style and including an excellent cuisine, different dishes were served. No further wishes could be pronounced. The dinner was followed directly by singing internationally-known melodies to guitar sounds. We were very surprised that our cultures in music seem not to differ very much.

Wednesday, 10.02.2010 Dimapur

We visited a school that enables poor people (women) learn to handle and thereby earn their livelihood. Once again, a Naga-Museum was visited. After that we went through the "Stone Sculpture Garden". The path led further to a weaving mill, where we were introduced into the traditional and the "industrial" Indian art of weaving. Some team members took the chance and bought some scarves directly from the manufacturer.



Image: Weaving in Dimapur

For lunch we were invited by host of Hubert Rtn.



Image: Rotary Club meeting in Dimapur with President Rtn Nair and secretary

Pranesar. This was served in Indian well spiced manner. As part of the directly subsequent Fellowship we could flush the sharpness of the throats. In the evening the club meeting at the clubhouse of RC Dimapur was attended. We were showered with gifts. Among others we received: Scarves (Gamuscha) West, Naga Jewelry and wonderful, fresh, existing not plastic flowers.

The meeting was very pleasant and was - as usual - all rounded off with a festive dinner.

Thursday, 11.2.2010 Dimapur, flight to Imphal

We all had to get up very early because our plane was to leave at 07:00 in the morning. In fact, we however boarded the plane at 07:40 only. The 30-minute flight was pleasant. Against all expectations, the turbo-propeller engine was significantly more than its outward appearance offered us.



Image: Propeller-engine - Our flight to Imphal

Arriving at Imphal, we were guided directly to the "Classic-Hotel". There, we moved into a type of western living, compared to the living we had experienced so long. The hotel is new and reflects Western standards.

The day was very quiet for us. The Rotarians of the local Clubs were involved in the preparations for the District Conference and its immense program. We therefore could spend some time as a team. We took advantage of this opportunity and met us all in one of our hotel rooms to exchange ideas and start with the reports. It was a great day for the team.

In the evening we were invited to one of the RC at Imphal for dining. There we met our guides for the following days. Also, we met DG Ajit Irom and the famous singer and actor Shadandana. In a convivial atmosphere, we spent the evening with dinner and singing.



Image: Rotary evening in Imphal with District Governor Ajit Irom

Friday, 12.02.2010, Imphal

Visit Kangla (former British fort) which is now used as a kind of Imphal Municipal Garden. We were able to admire some of the sights and the world's oldest Polo Square. Furthermore, we went to a temple. There we had to take off our shoes and go barefoot.



Image: Polo Tournament at Imphal

Another attraction was the position taken by monkeys in a Temple on the outskirts of the city. Then we were going to the Natural Historic Museum. Invited to an opening game of the polo tournament at Imphal we were sitting on the rostrum and were treated very honorable and were impressed by this game, which is not very popular in Germany.

The evening was basically free. We asked to attend a benefit concert of the MNP PLUS (HIV-organization), since there Mr. Shadandana would make his presentation. Due to security reasons we were not allowed to attend this concert.

Saturday, 13.02.2010, Imphal



Image: Opening of the XX. District Conference of District 3240 in Imphal

The First Day of the XX.District Conference of District 3240 was on Saturday.

The traditional oil lamp lighting in India, as the part of each ceremony, was initiated by DG Ajit Irom and a number of representatives attending this Conference. In the Evening an extensive cultural program was organized. The tradition and culture of Manipur was presented in full color and extraneous music to the audience. The following "Fellowship Program" was very astonishing, since Manipur is actually a dry state and no alcoholic beverages are allowed.

Sunday, 14.02.2010, Imphal

The Second Day of the XX.District Conference of the District 3240

The team was presented by Rtn. Swapan Choudhury (Chairman GSE) and our team leader. Our monetary donation to the host clubs and the District 3240 was handed over to DG Ajit Irom. Our donation of EURO 1.100 (70.000 rupees) in total was given for the operation of a severe heart defect for a child. The background was the impressive presentation of the project "Heart to Heart" of RC Imphal and District 3240.



Image: Program on the District Conference

In the evening we were invited by Dr. Dey (RC Tinsukia) to a dinner at the Hotel Classic. The evening was impressive. We had the chance to meet "old friends" from RC Tinsukia and share our experiences we recently have made. It was a wonderful evening with our new friends.

Monday, 15.02.2010, Imphal, flight to Guwahati and drive to Shillong



Image: Security-Check - the third - at the Imphal Airport

Following the District Conference, we left the 'Classic Hotel' at Imphal in the early morning to the airport and again took a domestic flight to Guwahati. All security checks, in the meantime known, we handled masterly (always followed by some new rules) and the experience of the diverse body checks.

After a slightly turbulent flight we landed safely at the airport of Guwahati. At the "entry" from Imphal back to Assam all our passports and Registration endorsements especially by the police at Imphal, seemed to identify us as safe tourists.

Since we were issued (unheard of) with lots of luggage for traveling and had made some fairly good experience with the Indian transport sector, we listened to it attentively, as the contact person from Shillong told us proudly that he has organized a car extra from Guwahati to Shillong for our luggage. Each car was loaded even on deck and each luggage was tied to the fences. However it should show that the worst part of the day should show up later!

Finally we were on our way to Shillong. It is worth mentioning that the entire team took place in the SUV and the Rotarian friend from Shillong in the car with the major amount of luggage. That our driver was unable to talk in English should take revenge in the course of this trip to Shillong.

For the travel from Guwahati to Shillong originally 2-3 hours had been scheduled. Since the "National Highway", however, was still not completed and following a fatal traffic accident - including that the Indian road users in the event of a traffic jam, may be classified not easy and will get lost - we lost the Rotarian friend in the other car before our driver started the detour route and we suddenly got lost and had no option to contact the Rtn. via mobile phone.

No conversation with our driver was possible. The diversion, which really should not be named as such, had no signs for further directions. Our driver, who came from Guwahati, had also no idea of actual road system and went, as usual, in India, going straight onward. After a relatively short time

the roads - even under Indian standards - were very, very bad. We had landed in the jungle and winding streets lead up and down. No signs and no idea where this road would lead, where some of us after about 1 hour "Jungle Safari" were getting nervous. Any conversation with our driver was impossible so we were just passengers in the middle of the Indian jungle. After another forty-five minutes our driver stopped at one village to ask for directions. Then we were told by gestures that we should return the entire way. It was now 1 hour and 45 minutes to go the same route back torture. We were after this notification through and actually wanted only to return home. Hofmeister quote: "It's getting worse!"

After a half hour detour over hill and ditch through the Indian jungle, we reached Shillong by a total of six hours driving by midnight. And it was cold in Shillong.

All in all we have to be happy, however, that the total trip has taken such a course of such amicable way and we were not involved once in a serious accident during our GSE Tour in India.

Tuesday, 16.02.2010, Shillong

This day was dedicated under the title "Vocational" and "... my God, I'm really 33 years old!?" Chris was awaking in the foreign country.

The majority of our team, namely, Christiane, Stefan and Hubert visited NEEPCO (the North Eastern Electric Power Corporation), a national energy supplier. Nadine had occasion to visit the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) and to gain insight into their activities. Chris was on his part



Image: Birthday cake with many candles

through a column of the additional DGP of the house picked up by host parents and was brought to a police training camp of the North Eastern Police Academy (NEPA). It was very impressive to see what a military drill and discipline and obedience in the ranks of the Indian police force is dominant. He too, was surprised with what openness on corruption, systemic failure and the huge backlog (of sheer force of arms apart) of the Indian police could be spoken.

Then he added as guest of the Guest House DGP in the NEPA he was treated royally and asked to get lunch there. So he unfortunately missed the lunch together with the remaining team in the "Pinewood Hotel ". The other team members met a German woman in the town, who lives for 6 ½ years in India now. Over coffee and cake with the German girl, she spoke of their experience and their project in which she cared for children in the slums and their families, addresses ways to a better life in the slums. Her project shall be relocated within the next few years after Nagaland and its project there to be pushed further. On the evening the RC Shillong had organized, an over whelming winning with cake, birthday celebration for Chris was initiated. It was very nice to celebrate in the circle of the team and the Indian Rotarians his birthday. He did not miss anything and to be honest, he did not miss anything on his tour. Together we sang songs and had a lot of international rediscover music that connects all the people in a very special way. For us it was one of the most beautiful evenings in India.

Wednesday, 17.02.2010 Shillong



Image: Nohkaikai Falls, Sohar

The day was marked by sightseeing. First, we went around the world with Osman the banker to Sohar, the wettest spot and enjoyed the quiet expanse of the misty countryside. The Nohkalikai - Fall (named after a young woman, who, due to fear of her father, committed suicide). Amazingly, the usually ever-flowing river, due to an earthquake that took place a few days before, resulted in no more water. This situation posed some puzzles for the population. At the same time they were

very worried, that it might have impact on this tourist attraction. The next rain - and which will be determined in Sohar - will ultimately show where the water masses will be conducted in future.

The lunch took place in the best restaurant on the square. After the spectacular visit of the local market (meat) we went on to MawsMai Cave, we went through in our usual sporting manner. Then we went to Thangkharang Park, where unfortunately we could not see the borders to Bangladesh, due to foggy weather conditions. The evening we spent very comfortably at our family's home.

Thursday, 18.02.2010 Shillong

The day began with a visit to a Rotarian project at "Elementary Schools" at Shillong. The Rotarians have set the goal that all schools at Shillong will be supported by clean drinking water for all pupils. So far, ten projects have been finalized thirty schools are still waiting.

Afterwards, we visited the Elephant Falls which were very impressive and clean. The road led us on to a flower nursery where we saw a plantation of beautiful orchids, lilies and carnations.



Image: Elephant Falls, Shillong

At Shillong Peak we had a breathtaking view over the city. Experience on the Police Bazaar Nadine was able to benefit, an Indian police officer who was due to massive intoxication corresponding freely to work, to be allowed to close. In addition, we visited the golf club and a park located in the middle of the city. In the evening there was a Club meeting held with entertaining Fellowship.

Friday, 19.02.2010 Shillong => Drive to Tezpur

Early in the morning we went again by car on Indian roads. Ahead "Robby the Rooster" got hit by a car and one Indian victim of traffic more. A stop for refreshments was held at the Royal Group of Institutions, at the outskirts of Guwahati. More lengthy hours of driving followed. Ultimately, we arrived with hours of delay, however, safely in Tezpur. After our arrival we met our host families and had the rest of the evening free with our host families.

Saturday, 20.02.2010 "Tezpur"

The day started early with a meditation session at the Temple of Jain-Sisters who want to prevent any killing any innocent being in the atmosphere by wearing a mouth guard. It was an extreme experience for all of us because we had to very quickly gain the impression that the Rotarians of the RC Tezpur wanted to take us with her "Spiritual Enlightenment" on a new path. Next we visited three temples in the surrounding area and visited the Tezpur University. Especially team member Stefan was there to visit for the first time the opportunity of a test station. The lunch was held at Jain Rotarians; especially the dessert (orange biscuit soufflé) was well received!

The afternoon was scheduled Vocational:

- Nadine and Christiane: Nezone Biscuit Company and Animal Food Company
- Stefan: various workshops and paint shops
- Chris: adventure on the side of the SP Doley
- Hubert: tea plantation

In the evening a Club meeting was held including our presentation, which was crowned by a cultural evening program.

Sunday, 21.02.2010 Tezpur



Image: Stefan and Chris with Headgear

Following a leisurely Sunday breakfast at our host families we were part of a baptism of the Indian son of a Rotarian friend. After a walk on the daily market, we got lunch in a church service of the Sikhs community and enjoyed sitting on the floor with a cover on our heads. In the afternoon we visited various points and walked along with the Rotary families through some parks, such as the Agnigarh Park and enjoyed the view from there on the Brahmaputra. In the evening we were invited to a wedding, for which the families of Nadine and Christiane wrapped them in a typical Sari.

Monday, 22.02.2010 Tezpur, Drive to Bongaigaon

Early in the morning we travelled by car to Bongaigaon, where we, after 6 hours drive, finally met our host families. An evening get-together was held at the Host Families of Nadine and Christiane, which included an interesting program with dancing in the garden. The evening ended with a delicious dinner and a trial to wear a turban by Stefan. It was a great night, although we once more had gained Indian-specific road experiences.



Image: Christiane and a dance group

Tuesday, 23.02.2010 Bongaigaon, Drive to Manas

The day started with a visit to a school, the local DPS (Delhi Public School), where we could experience an interaction with the students, including singing and dancing. The students had prepared many questions which we answered in the context of interaction, to the best knowledge and belief. It was once again a very impressive experience to talk with Indian students on the

differences of our cultures and countries. Last but not least, we had to give signatures. The teachers all had problems getting the students back to their classrooms.



Picture: reception by the students at the DPS

Then we went to the ANT (Action North Eastern Trust), they specially concentrate to train poor women in weaving and thus creating a living and survive basis to them. With tricky financing and training models, a win-win situation is created. The weavers earn good money (for Indian conditions) and can, for example, lease a bike, which is financed by the organization for them.

Finally, we went directly to a village wedding, where we had lunch. In this village wedding, we as Germans were once again the attraction par excellence. It was

told, that some of villagers would probably have never seen before any European. Furthermore, it is a great honor for the bride and groom that Germans would give them to pay their respects. For us, it was again an interesting experience to be admired although it seems a little strange. After a visit to the "canteen" (images are deliberately omitted at this point), we could only get dimly enthusiastic about the offered lunch. The hygienic conditions in India are never comparable with European or German conditions. However nobody got sick.



Image: Couple with best man

Then we went back to the host families to pack our luggage and begin to drive to Manas National Park. Once there, we moved into the room and had to find out again that it is the Indian way of housekeeping which is taken not very serious.

The shower or hot water in the rooms was not really intact and the cleaning state of the linen was also at least questionable. Nevertheless, we enjoyed our dinner together at the campfire and sat up late into the night with singing and entertainment heart of the Indian jungle.

Wednesday, 24.02.2010, Manas, transfer to Guwahati

After getting up early (5:30 clock), we came a second time on our trip to enjoy the elephant ride. Unfortunately, we did not see any rhinos, but only a few deer and a few peacocks. Nevertheless, it



Image: River cruise on the Manas

was again very nice to enjoy the early morning hours in a national park in complete silence on the back of elephants.

After an extended breakfast we started a river raft on the Manas.

After the river trip we had lunch in the hotel before we made our way to Guwahati. For the 200 km journey it took us "only" four hours. After the arrival in Guwahati and the assigning to the individual families, we spent the evening with our host families.

Thursday, 25.02.2010 Guwahati

In the morning we attended a seminar organized by the RC Guwahati, with respect to the security of Indian money. Then we had the chance to visit a weaving center, where we enjoyed our lunch.

The afternoon was Sightseeing (Ethnology Museum and River Brahmaputra) web sites dedicated-met. The experiment was terminated going shopping.



Image: Brahmaputra River, Guwahati

Friday, 26.02.2010 Guwahati

This day was spent entirely with the relevant Vocational programs:

- Chris: visit to the local Superintendent Of Police
- Hubert and Stefan: IIT (Indian Institute of Technology) and Engineering College
- Nadine: AXIS bank and holding company Trader, afternoon IIT (Public Relations)
- Christiane: IIT (Public Relations)

Each team member packed the recently received gifts due to luggage weight limits on our flight back to Germany, to be sent via Mail.

In the evening we attended the common part of all 5 RC at Guwahati. Before we held our presentation, we received again club gifts.

After the meeting, there was no surprise to our Fellowship and no dinner together, as in the clubs we had visited before. This program point was always regarded as the best of each meeting, as members of the club would have the chance to exchange ideas between each other.

Saturday, 27.02.2010 Guwahati for flight to Delhi, drive to Agra

After breakfast and packing all the things, we all met (some sooner, some later), at Guwahati airport.

At 14:20 we left the North-East of India and the official GSE program was successfully terminated.

We landed at 17:00 clock in New Delhi and after we had parked the major part of our luggage in the apartment of a friendly Rotarian, we went to Agra. Agra we reached by Bus at about 1:30 in the night and moved into our rooms at the Maya hotel.



Image: tour bus for Agra and Delhi

Sunday, 28.02.2010 Agra, visiting the Taj Mahal, drive back to Delhi

After breakfast we made our tour to the Taj Mahal. We were very impressed by the Temple and found that it is rightly regarded as one of the wonders of the world. After visiting the Taj Mahal, we had the opportunity to buy scarves and marble items.

Back at the Maya hotel, we met the director of Peter-Public-School, who gave us some indication concerning this interesting project. Due 'Happy Holy' we could not visit this project and therefore we made a donation of 300 € (RC Freiburg) to this Project. The Director was visibly impressed by this generous donation. After lunch we went back to New Delhi.

Once there, we had our dinner in the neighborhood of our apartment, and can you imagine, at Kentucky Fried Chicken.



Image: The GSE team in front of the Taj Mahal

Monday, 01.03.2010 Delhi "Happy Holy"

The day was completely devoted to sightseeing at Delhi. We visited the Indian Gate, Red Fort, Lotus Temple and Qutub Minar.



Image: The Lotus Temple



Image: Qutub Minar

Tuesday, 02.03.2010 return flight to Frankfurt

Today it was time to say goodbye, a wonderful journey comes to an end!

*Finally, we just want to say Thank You,
and thanks to Rotary International*

