

Field visit: Class VII
Rashtrapati Nilayam
Bharatiya Kala Mahotsav
West India: Paschami Parampara
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A group of 163 students of Grade 7 from AMS P. Obul Reddy Public School visited the Bharatiya Kala Mahotsav, an annual cultural festival that celebrates the rich and diverse heritage of India. This year's theme showcased the vibrant culture of West India, highlighting the traditions of Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Daman & Diu, and Dadra & Nagar Haveli. The visit provided students with an enriching and experiential learning opportunity beyond the classroom.



Each state pavilion was beautifully designed to reflect its unique identity. The Rajasthan stall featured colourful Bandhni fabrics, traditional puppets and miniature paintings. At the Gujarat pavilion, students watched master weavers demonstrate intricate Patola and Khadi weaving techniques. The Maharashtra stall displayed Warli art, Paithani sarees and traditional clay artefacts, while the Goa pavilion highlighted its shell craft. The union territories of Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli showcased tribal art, bamboo craft and folk traditions. A special highlight of the Mahotsav was the series of live demonstrations. Students observed artisans working on handlooms, pottery wheels and embroidery frames, helping them understand how traditional crafts are preserved through skill and practice. They also interacted with craftsmen, asking questions about materials, techniques and cultural significance.

Adding to the excitement were the live cultural performances held beside each pavilion. Students enjoyed Rajasthani Ghoomar and Gujarati Garba. The music, costumes and energetic performances created a festive atmosphere and helped students appreciate the cultural diversity of West India.

The field visit proved to be both educational and enjoyable. It broadened students' understanding of Indian heritage, encouraged respect for traditional arts and fostered curiosity about the country's cultural roots. The Bharatiya Kala Mahotsav left a lasting impression on the young learners, making the visit a memorable and meaningful experience.