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On the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2024 morning 9.00 AM, the students and faculty of Ramaiah Pre – University college commenced their educational expedition to Kaiwara. Our itinerary included visits to the serene Kailasagiri temple, the meditative retreat of Tapovana, and the venerable Alambagiri Temple.

## KAILASAGIRI TEMPLE



### During worship at Kailasagiri Temple

Our inaugural destination was the Kailasagiri Temple, a sanctum hewn into the very heart of a cavern. Ascending the undulating terrain, we were graced with the opportunity to offer our reverence to the supreme deity, Lord Shiva. The temple's unique marvel lies in the four – faced idol of Shiva, a rarity witnessed only beyond the borders of Nepal, as per the temple's sage. Following our homage to the deity, we paid our respects to goddess Parvati and Lord Ganesha before venturing forth to our subsequent destination.



The atmosphere in the Kailasagiri cave was very serene, and we all meditated by chanting 'Om'.

## KAIWARA TEMPLE



### During visit to Kaiwara Temple

Our subsequent sojourn was the Kaiwara Yogi Narayana Temple and Kaiwara Yogi Narayana Mutt. In this sanctuary, we paid homage to Kaiwara Thathaiyya, venerating the hallowed edifice erected by the esteemed late Dr. M. S. Ramaiah. The temple's splendor was magnificent. They offered a delectable lunch, after which we lingered for an hour. Then we took a brief respite, engaged in some shopping, and then proceeded to our next destination.



### Meditative Retreat at Tapovana

Next, we visited Tapovana, a unique structure that symbolizes the life of Kaiwara Maharshi. There were numerous idols of the Maharshi, affectionately referred to as 'Thatha', meaning 'grandpa' in Telugu. This entire Tapovana stands as a testament to his selfless devotion to the Lord and his followers. At the summit, we paid our respect at the Lakshmi Narasimha Swami Temple. All students and faculty members felt blessed and took many photos. Subsequently, we departed for our next destination.

## ALAMBAGIRI TEMPLE



Our final stop was at the Alambagiri Temple, where we had the opportunity to offer prayers to Shri Venkateshwara Swami. The temple, believed to be over two hundred years old, resonated with devotion and tranquility in every corner. The principal madam had our students squat 21 times in the temple as a symbol of prayer.



Later, we visited a nearby vegetarian restaurant, where we savored delicious Masala Dosa. The visit to all these temples were a blend of spirituality, scenic beauty and cultural immersion. From the vibrant flora of the park to the serene temple environment, each experience left lasting memories. It's a reminder of the diverse experiences that travel can offer.

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