

REPORT OF THE STUDY TOUR TO DEHRADUN & MUSSOORIE

TERI School of Advanced Studies

9th Oct. to 12th Oct., 2018

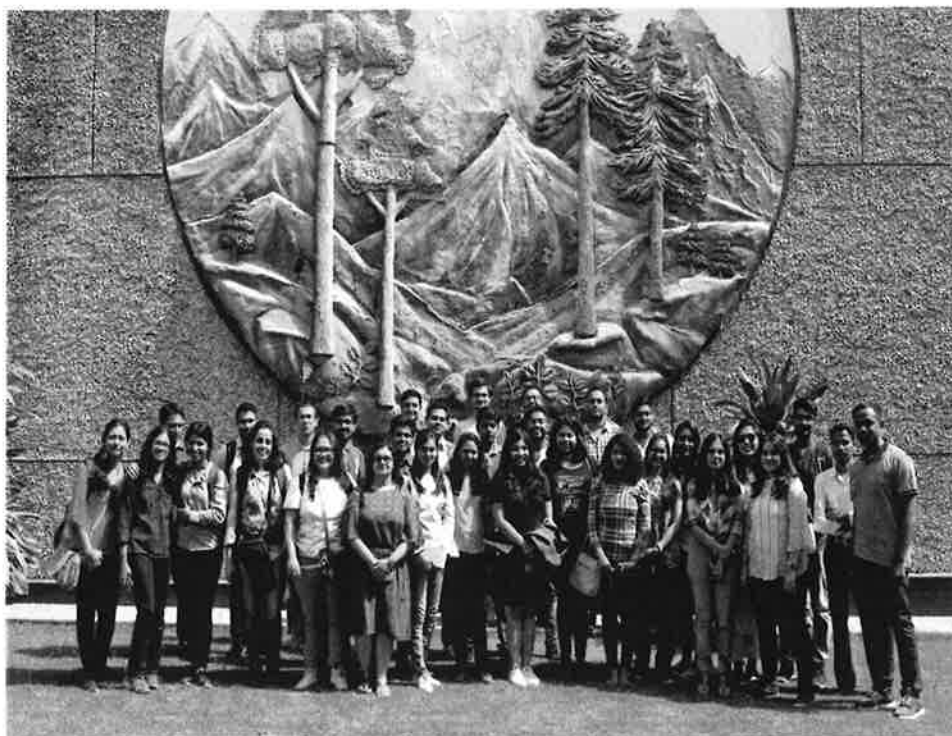
The tour to the hill districts of Dehradun and Mussoorie was undertaken with an aim to introduce to the students to the various aspects of pursuance of different subjects and their moorings to sustainability. The tour not only entailed visit to different institutions of repute but also to places associated with tourism.

Starting on 9th October in the dawn, the group reached Dehradun, the capital city of Uttarakhand in the late afternoon. After revictualling, the group made a visit to 'Mindrolling Monastery' located near Clement Town, Dehradun. The monastery boasts beautiful Tibetan architecture and murals from the ancient folklores. To a



student of architecture and arts, the place was no less than heaven. The replica of the 'White Palace at Potala' stood magnificently in the lap of greenery. The estate was jugged with stupas, Buddha and Bodhisattva statues and trees. The monastery is also home to Ngagyur Nyingma College, one of the largest Buddhist institutes in India.

The **next day**, we visited two reputed institutions in the Doon Valley -Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology and Forest Research Institute. At **Wadia Institute of Himalayan**



Geology, a public autonomous research institution under the Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology, we were told about the quality of work the institute produces and it's own way of fostering

sustainability. The S.P. Nautiyal Museum housed in the institute offered to us a window back in time with its collection of fossils and ancient rocks. We were also given a talk on Seismology and Geology. The institute also has a centre for Glaciology and learnt that consultancy and advisory services are provided to entities working in the Himalayan region. The next stop post-lunch was **Forest Research Institute, Dehradun**. It sits on a 450-hectare campus and has its own forest. We visited Timber Museum and Social Forestry

Museum in the main building made in Greco-roman and Colonial style of Architecture. The museums offered a huge array of information on timber



and forestry and had memorabilia from the British Raj. We received a lecture on the ongoing projects in the Forest Ecology Department and we were shown around the labs.

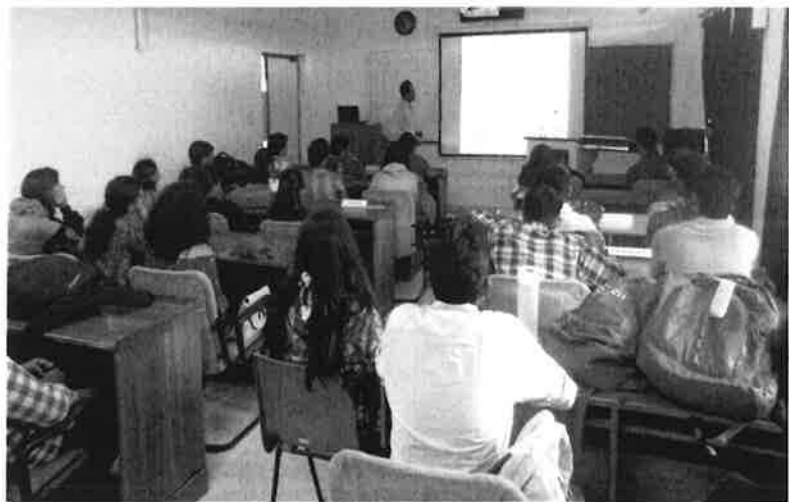
It was a very ethereal experience for those of us who take interest in environment and environmental sustainability. We also received a talk on the legal issues related with forest conservation, tourism and sustainability. Visit to these institutions gave us a fair glimpse into the concepts of cultural and environmental sustainability these entities are engaged in.

On 11th October, we started for the **Wildlife Institute of India** which is situated in Chandrabani, Dehradun.



The autonomous institution under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, offered us new vistas into the biodiversity of India. The talks on the Clean Ganga Mission were extremely informative and insightful. After a good time at the institute which

is a part of the Rajaji National Park, we left for the hill station of **Mussoorie**. After our arrival in Mussoorie which is tucked in green Siwalik hills, we dispersed to talk to the locals and have a look of the town. The beautiful spires of hanging balconies neighbouring the roads aided glimpses of the varied prospects. We also saw the snow-capped peaks of Himachal which glistened due to the rays of the sun. As the night drew on, we rode our bus back downhill.



The tour was as enjoying as was informative. We (the people in the group) started from Delhi as mere acquaintances but returned as good friends with a lot of memories and experiences to cherish.

Some useful Websites:

1. https://www.google.co.in/url?sa=t&source=web&rct=j&url=https://www.mindroling.org/&ved=2ahUKEwiRzqv3t5TeAhVIq48KHWisABYQFjATegQIBhAB&usg=AOvVaw1Sepx7f_D_w8TxLJkfa7XA
2. <http://www.wihg.res.in>
3. <http://www.fri.res.in>
4. <http://www.wii.gov.in>

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Date	Start time	End time	Activities
09-Oct- 2018	6:00 AM	4:00 PM	Travel: TERI SAS to Dehradun by Bus
	4:00 PM	5.30 PM	Mindrolling Monastery
	6:00 PM		Check-in at the Hotel
	8:00 PM	9:00 PM	Dinner at the Hotel
	9:00 PM		Briefing
10-Oct-2018	9:30 AM	1:30 PM	Visit to WADIA Institute (WADIA)
	1:30 PM	2:30 PM	Lunch
	2:30 PM	3:00 PM	Travel to Forest Research Institute (FRI)
	3:30 PM	6:30 PM	Session at FRI
	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Travel back to Hotel
	7:30 PM	9:00 PM	Dinner at the Hotel
	9:00 PM		Briefing for next day
11-Oct-2018	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Travel to Wildlife Institute of India (WII)
	9:30 AM	12:30 PM	Session at WII
	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Travel to Mussoorie
	1:30 PM	8:30 PM	Mussoorie
	8:30 PM	9:00 PM	Dinner at the Hotel
	9:30 PM		Review at the Hotel
12-Oct-2018	7:30 AM	3:30 PM	Travel back to TERI SAS

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