# **ABHAY GOUDA**



My name is Abhay Gouda. My date of birth is 30/07/2006. I like my school. It is a very nice school with everything is free. I like studying here. The food we get here is also good and healthy. I enjoy all the classes. In the school, we have to maintain discipline. In the playground, it is compulsory to play and come on time. In the evening, we go for meditation to pray and sing songs. In the morning, we get up and go for our Shramdan and do running.

#### **SCIENCE**

I like studying Science as I find it very interesting. This year, I finished the 9<sup>th</sup> book and gave the tests for Physics, Chemistry and Biology. I have started the 10<sup>th</sup> book – I have finished the chapter on measurement and started the next chapter. We also did some



practicals this time like soil testing. I also made the model of rocket and made a presentation on it.



#### MATHS

I like studying Maths. I am doing 9<sup>th</sup> class book. I have already finished the book but yet to write the test. After the test, I will start 10<sup>th</sup> class book.

# ENGLISH

I like studying English very much. I am doing the 10<sup>th</sup> class book and finished

the 1<sup>st</sup> book. We do grammar and read stories like 'The Merchant of Venice'. We learn letter-writing and write letters. I read books such as 'Red badge of courage', 'Tales of Ruskin Bond', 'Tales of Grandma', 'Vayuputras' and 'Sherlock Holmes'.

# **HIND**I

I like studying Hindi. I enjoy the class. We read story of 'Virata ki Padmini'. We have

finished the 9<sup>th</sup> book given the test and started the 10<sup>th</sup> class book. Every day we read a story and do question answers. We also do grammar and memorize synonyms, antonyms and idioms. We also learnt a poem named 'Jivan ki apa dhapi mein' by Harivansh Rai Bacchhan.

#### GAMES

I love playing games. My favorite game is football. Every day we do exercises and then play football. I also play basketball and volleyball. I enjoy all the games - in basketball, I like to



do shooting and taking lay ups. In football, I like scoring goals as well as do the defending.

# SPORTS DAY



We also celebrate our annual Sports Day. This year, I participated in circus in which I did juggling. For this, I had to do a lot of practice. I learnt many tricks in juggling. On the Sports Day, children did many things such as gymnastics, circus, aerobics, skating, dancing etc. I really enjoyed watching all of it.

# YOGASANA

I used to do Yogasana every day but now I have left it. We do many asanas such as Matsyasan, Camel pose, Mountain pose etc. we also do Surya namaskar every day.

## HEALTH

We are trying our best to maintain good health because of Covid-19. Every day we go for running to increase our stamina. We clean all the groups every day and take bath twice a day. I clean my clothes every day and wear neat and clean clothes.



#### SHRAMDAN

I do my Shramdan every day. In Shramdan, we clean toilets, do kitchen, play music and do gardening. In kitchen work, we cut vegetables and cook food. In gardening, we dig the land and grow vegetables and water the plants.

# MUSIC



In music I play the Tabla. I feel playing it very interesting. I have learnt some taals such as teen taal, jhap taal, ek taal, dadra, keherva etc.

# DANCE

We learn dance once a week. I like to learn new steps in dancing.

# FESTIVALS

We celebrate many festivals such as Diwali, annual Sports Day, Christmas, Mother's birthday, school Annual Day etc. In these festivals, all the children participate in the program - they dance, sing song, do plays etc.



## **MY TRIP TO ANDAMAN**

We started our trip on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 from Kechla. We went our nearest railway station Paliba. From there we took a train and reached Simahachalam station. We stayed there for a night.

7th March, 2020:

# SIMAHACHALAM TEMPLE

Next morning, we went to the temple - it had many stairs, I think it was more than 1000. I got tired climbing the stairs but I reached quickly because I ran all the way long. We went inside the temple and it was very nice. The carving was very good and



the temple was very high. Lord Narasimmah is worshipped here. We received 'prasad' to eat and then we came out. After coming out, we took photos and roamed around. We had our lunch and went back to our staying place. After sometime, we left for Vishakapatnam port.

#### **OUR SHIP**

We reached the port and our luggage got checked. Then they took us to the ship by a bus. We saw the ship from outside - it was very big. Its' name was 'SWARAJ



DWEEP'. Then we went inside the ship and it was very nice. We got our rooms – it was neat and clean. Then we went to the deck and saw many ship passing by us. Our ship started after some hours and was moving. Then we

went to the dining hall to have our dinner. For dinner, we were given fish to eat and it was delicious. After that, we went to our room and slept nicely. We got up in the morning and got ready and went for our breakfast. After that, we were just roaming around. In the afternoon, we went to the bridge [control room] there we learnt about the ship. First, they told about the radar from which they could detect a ship around 20 miles around and it gave all the details about it. They told that right side of ship was called



the 'star board side' and the left side was called the 'port side'.

There was also a helipad in the roof of the ship which was used for emergency. They also told us that each room had a smoke detector which was used when there was any fire in the room. The ship also had a TV hall where we used to see movies. Our journey was of three days and I enjoyed being in the ship. During this time, we saw dolphins, jelly fish, flying fish, turtles etc. from the ship. Every day we used to get non-vegetarian food like chicken, fish, egg etc.

10th March, 2020:

# PORTBLAIR

We reached Port Blair in the afternoon. It was very hot and we were all sweating. Then we reached to our staying place. We got ready and went for a walk in the evening just to see the city. I enjoyed walking there - it was a beautiful city, full of trees with ripe mangoes. After the walk, we came back and had our dinner and slept peacefully.



11th March, 2020:

#### CELLULAR JAIL [KALAPANI]

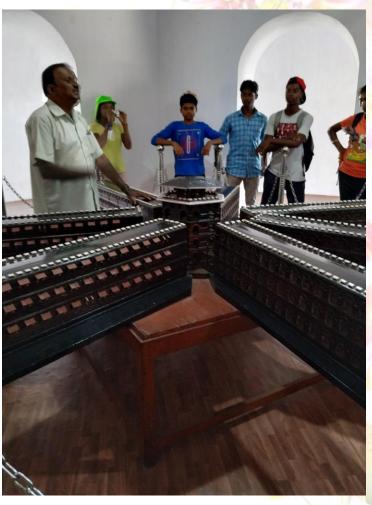
In the morning, we went to see the Cellular Jail. The jail was huge and had many small rooms called cells where the prisoner stayed. The jail was divided into seven parts each

connected to the watching tower. The jail was made in such a way that prisoner could

not see each other or talk to anyone. We also saw the working place for the prisoners where they used to do hard labour – to grind and take out as much oil as they were told, otherwise they were punished. There was also a place where they were tied and

beaten until blood came out from their bodies.

We also went to the central tower where they have carved the names of all the prisoners. Now there are only 3 parts of the tower and the rest was bombed during the World War 2. The prisoner were given food and water in their meal times. The water was given in a rusted pot so that they could not keep it for long. A pot was also given for their toilet. We also saw the cell in the jail where Veer Savarkar was kept. A lamp would be burning in



front of every jail for light - it was not kept inside because some prisoner tried to commit suicide. Then we saw the gallows where people were hanged. Usually three people were hanged at a time - if a person got death sentence he had to wait till there were three people to be hanged.

In the evening, we saw light and sound show. First, they played the National Anthem and all of us stood up and then the show began. In the show a tree was telling about the life of the prisoner, how the jail was formed and why it was formed. They told it was built by a British viceroy to keep the criminals of India as they could not run from here as it was surrounded by sea. I enjoyed the show very much.

# AQUARIUM

After seeing the jail, we went to the Aquarium. There were many fishes of different

kinds like tuna, goat fish, cat fish, jackal fish etc. We enjoyed seeing it. Then we went to the Science Museum.

#### SCIENCE MUSEUM

In the Science Museum, we saw many scientific things. There were also fun things to play with - I liked the flying ball which was floating in the air. Then we went to see a 3-D show which was exciting and fun. They showed the life of turtle. Then we went to beach just to play and roam about.



#### 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2020:

# BARATANG



In the morning, we boarded the bus and went to Baratang. On our way, we saw some Jarava people who got on our bus. They looked similar to Africans and their skin was very dark. They were wearing goggles and shorts but not any shirt. Then by a ferry we went to Baratang island. There we sat on

the speed boat and went to see the lime stone cave. The cave was very beautiful but it was very dark. There were many figures formed by the stone in many shape like

small elephants head, jelly fish, three nose, head of Ganesha, tigers paw etc. It was very interesting watching it and I enjoyed it.

13<sup>th</sup> March, 2020:

## HAVELOCK ISLAND

In the morning, we sat on a ferry and went to Havelock. There we went to Sands Marina, a scuba diving place. First the elder children did scuba diving and they said that it was very interesting. Before my turn, I went and filled my



forms. Then they gave a swimming suit and shoe. After that I went towards the sea. There was a guide who was taking people. First I wore a heavy belt so that I could dive inside then we put on the gas cylinder. After this my guide taught some instruction which was needed when I had any problem. Then I put on the breathing mask and practiced under water breathing through mouth and then I wore my goggles. After this my guide took me inside the sea. Inside there I saw coral reef and many fishes. I touched them and it was very nice. I also saw an old rusted bike deep inside the sea. Then a diver came and took photos of me. Then slowly I came up and my ear was paining because of water pressure inside.

RADHANAGAR BEACH



We went to a tree house and had our lunch - it was very tasty. Then we went to the beach which was very big - all the children did swimming and played there. I was guarding the clothes. All the children were wet and dirty with mud.

14<sup>th</sup> March, 2020:

## **ROSS AND NORTH BAY ISLANDS**

We went to North Bay Island by a speed boat. We played in the sea there and some children did snorkeling. After this we went to Ross Island. There we saw many ruins

of British period buildings. We saw a water purifier which the British used. There was also a broken church and bakery. There was also a Ross pond - it had dirty water. We also saw a cemetery where the Christians were buried. We also saw the Japanese war trench which was used during the World War-2.

# **CHIDIYATAPU**

We went to Chidiyatapu in the evening. There we saw crocodiles, monitor lizard, barking deer, wild boar etc. it was a nice place. It had very long trees which had thick trunks.



## NAVAL MUSEUM

We went to the Naval Museum. There I saw a missile and an aircraft used in the war. I also saw many different types of conch shells – some were small and some were very big. It was very nice and had many designs in it. We also saw many fishes and read about the tribes of Andaman. The main tribes of Andaman were Onge, Jarava, Nicobaries, the great Andamanese, Somphens, Senteneles etc. These tribe live in their own lifestyle but now they are changing. Then I saw a movie made by a traveler about his trip to Andaman.

#### 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2020:

# ZONAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL MUSEUM

We went to see the Anthropological museum which was in Port Blair. In the museum they had displayed about the tribes - their lifestyles and weapons. The tribes use many things like grinder, arrows for fishing and spears for hunting. The guide explained about it very nicely. I liked the museum very much.

# **BUTTERFLY GARDEN**



We went to butterfly garden. It was very beautiful, it had an artificial waterfall where the water was reused. There were not many butterflies because of the sun they had hidden in the plants. But we still saw some butterflies. Then we

roamed around in the garden and saw many Ayurvedic plants such as Aloevera, Tulsi, Mint etc.

# CHATTHAM SAW MILL

Next, we went to see the Chattham Saw Mill. It was built during the British period to export wood. The Chattham name came from a British viceroy who stepped in here first. They had carts and railway tracks for transferring wood. They had many crafts which was made by wood. They had different types of wood. We also saw a pit which was created by bomb dropped by British during the World War. There was a bunker also.

16th March, 2020:

# **GANDHI PARK**

We went to Gandhi Park. It was a nice place. There was a small lake in it which had

paddle boats and lilies. some Then we played in the park and enjoyed the There garden. was also a statue of Gandhi reading a book. Then our Sir told us about the Covid-19 and the deaths in India.



We left Andaman in the evening and went to the port. In the port they were checking if anybody had any fever because of Corona virus.

#### 19th March, 2020:

# KOLKATA

We went to Kolkata by ship and it took 3 days. In the ship, the children would dance and watch movies. We reached Kolkata in the evening and sat on a tram and went to our staying place. We stayed there for a night in a building named Maharashtra Niwas. The Bengali food was very nice. We also saw Howrah Bridge and Vidyasagar Setu while coming from the ship. Then we went to a school and watched a movie "Subhas, the forgotten hero". We had our lunch there and in the evening we came to the railway station and left for Koraput. We reached Koraput late at night and from there we took a boat and came to Kechla.

