



NASA TRIP: “The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page”

Crossing geographical boundaries has always been a source of hands on learning. To add meaning to this statement, Jaypee public school, Noida, took on ten day educational trip to NASA, the United States of America organized by Astrotourism from 15th to 26th June, 2019, headed by the school principal Ms. Anjali Malik and Ms. Nilofer Yunus as a teacher in-charge, a group of 28 students ranging from classes V - XII visited the **Kennedy Space Centre, New York, Disney Magic World(Florida), Universal Studio, Niagara Falls**. With an extraordinary statistic of 600 astronauts all over the world, an experience of meeting and interacting with the astronaut **NORM THAGARD** was unique, highly informative and unforgettable...! Visiting **Astronaut Hall of Fame, Astronaut Training Centre** kept the scientific and space centre ignited and sustained. **Multi Axis Trainer, Simulation on orbiter landing, life in a space shuttle**, live demonstrations of challenges faced were the activities minutely explained and demonstrated. **Kennedy Space Centre** opened the avenues for observation for live shuttle experiences like **Atlantis, IMAX Theatre, Shuttle Launch Experience, KSC bus Route, Rocket Garden, Virtual documentaries**, as few were the life time experience....! With so much to reflect in the offing, the only next awaited activity was **Disney’s Magic World** followed by **Universal Studios**. Soaring adrenaline rush on rides and Live shows gave the much required impetus to the visit. Ferrying to **Liberty Island** and marvel at the magnificence of the **Statue of Liberty** was another high point that oversaw the New York skyline against the calm Atlantic. With the most magnifying aura as its halo, visit to **Times Square** and its associated shopping spree added thrill and glory to the trip. Pristine Niagara Falls catapulted the trip to a splendor of nature. Politically the fall distinctly divides Canada and the United States of America. The boat ride, **The Maid of Mist** transported the students on the foot of the falls... a truly mesmerizing experience for all, which transported all in a state of trance. It was a unique amalgamation of deep-rooted education and sky rocketing fun. The unending excitement of the trip not only added knowledge of the celestial world but also provided a powerful platform of interaction of students with JPS, Greater Noida and G.D.Goenka school, Rohini of New Delhi as other partner schools thereby fostering friendship and wellbeing.!