

D. P. Bhosale College, Koregaon

Department of English: 2021-22

Field Visit at Wai: Friday, 29th April 2022

Brief Report

The students of the department participate in different activities organized to inculcate certain values and widen the canvas of learning. The prescribed syllabus is learnt in the class and laboratory activities. However, exposure to the nature and outside world definitely add to the knowledge of the students and enhance their experiential learning. Organization of field visit is one of the activities which aimed at taking students to the places where they can learn something new.

After long period of lockdown and epidemic situation caused by the spread of COVID19 in the country, the faculty of the department decided to conduct field visit to the places like Vishwakosh at Wai, Bhilar- The village of Books, Pratapgad and Mahabaleshwar.

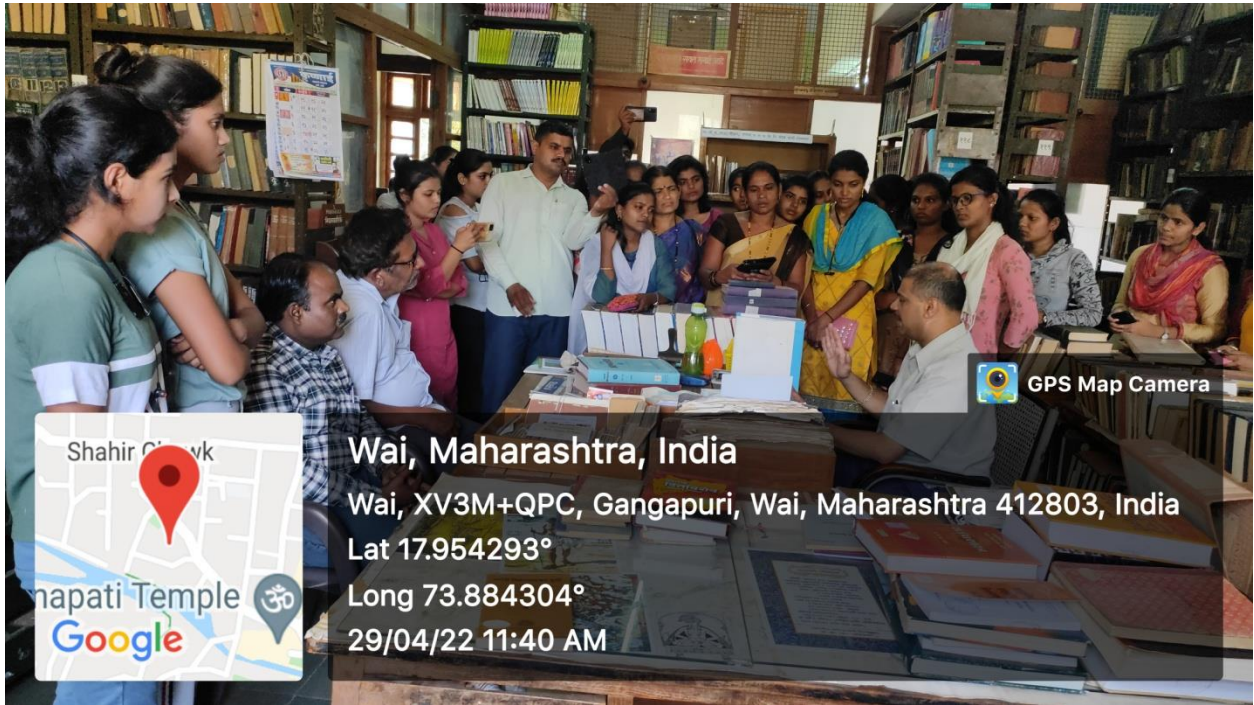
Total **20 students** and **05 faculty** namely Dr. B. S. Lokde, Mr. Rahul Wadate and Mr. Sudhir Kasagawade departed from D. P. Bhosale College early in the morning at 8.30 a.m. on 29th April, 2022. Mr. Ravindra Gaikwad and Mr. Prafullakumar Kamble joined the trip from Anewadi and Wai respectively.

All the students and faculty visited the famous Ganapati Ghat and temple. Later on all headed towards Vishwakosh library. The librarian Mr. Manoj Joshi Sir had explained the purpose of the library and the use of reference books in making of the Encyclopedia. Mr. Manoj Joshi answered the questions raised by the students. Dr. B. S. Lokde thanked Mr. Joshi and the officials of Vishkosh for guiding the students providing more information about the workings of the library. The experience was so enthusiastic and made all the students so energetic to head towards the next destination.

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The next destination of the visit was Bhilar- the Village of Books. Though a small village, Bhilar is identified and widely recognized as the village of books. We reached there at 1.30 p.m.



The students were surprised to see all the houses converted into libraries. The next reason of astonishment was that the visitors can enter in any house at any time to read the books. This was told to the students by the Project Manager **Mr. Balaji Halde** and Programme Coordinator **Mr. Rajesh Jadhav** at the Main Office of the project. This project is funded by state government of Maharashtra. The idea, concept and it's implementation was well explained by the project coordinator. Pustakanch Gaav (English: Village of Books) is a special library in Bhilar, Maharashtra that opened on May 4, 2017. The initiative was conceptualized and led by Vinod Tawde, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Marathi Language and inaugurated by Devendra Fadnavis, Ex. Chief Minister of Maharashtra. This government initiative is inspired by Britain's Hay-on-Wye, a notable Welsh town

known for its book stores. At the time of launch, there were 25 artistically decorated locations in Bhilar that are turned into spots for readers; collectively they housed over 15,000 books in 18 distinct genres. Most books were in Marathi language and there were plans to add additional 25,000 books in other languages such as English, Hindi and Gujarati.

Mr. P. S. Kamble thanked the Project Manager and the officials of the Project for guiding the students and providing more information about the village, visits of the outsiders and cooperation of the villagers, the atmosphere of the village, and the visits and appreciation by foreigners, ministers etc. The students as well as teachers visited most of the houses to see the books available and facilities for reading. Each genre of literature and books on different disciplines of knowledge were found in various sections of the village. The students preferred to visit the houses which were loaded with the books on drama, poetry, fiction, comic books etc. The experience was very energetic and motivating for inculcating reading habits among the students. Total **20 students** got benefitted through this activity.



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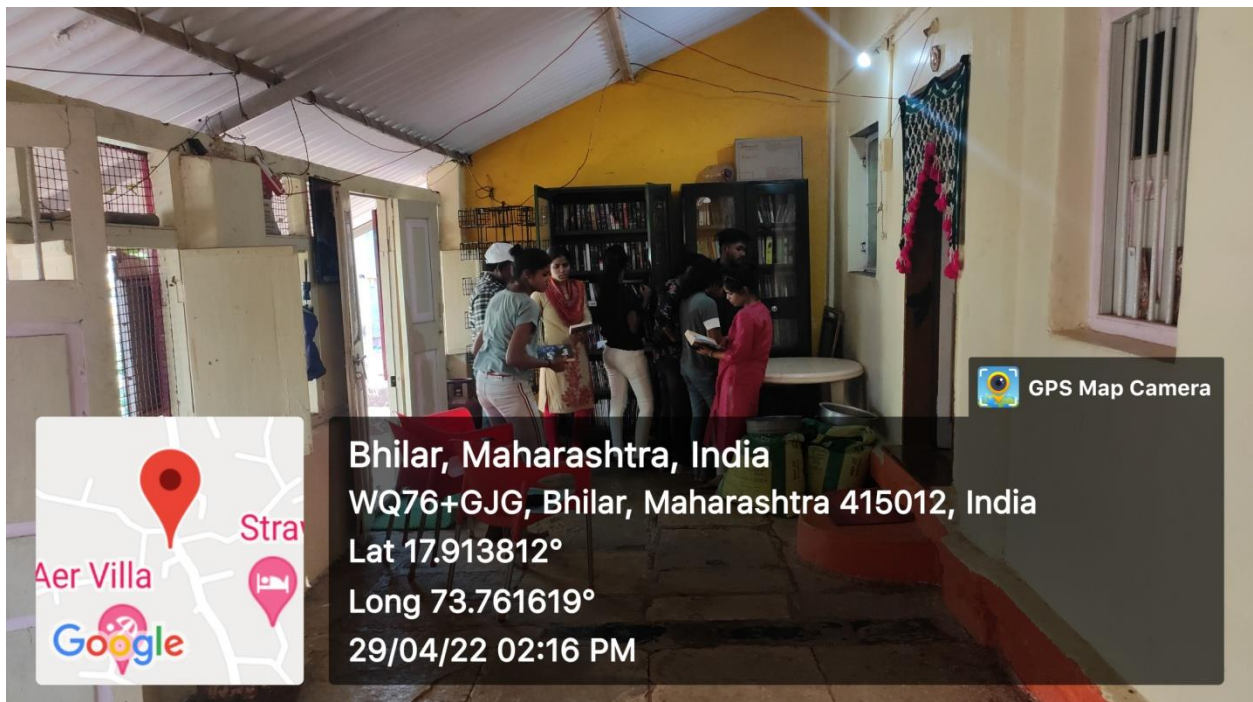
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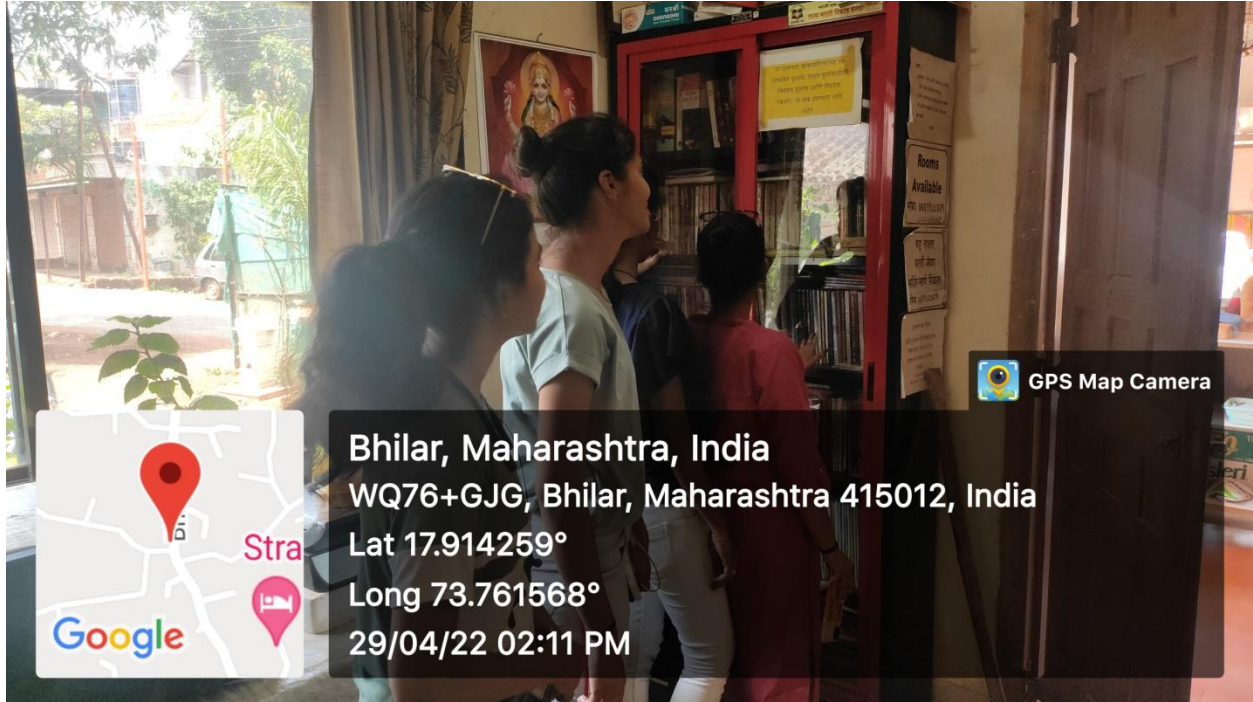
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Field Visit at Pratapgarh

Pratapgad is a large, mountain fort located in Satara district, in the Western Indian state of Maharashtra. The fort is situated on a mountain 24 kilometres from the Mahabaleshwar hill station. The fort is now a popular as a tourist destination. The fort's historical significance is due to the Battle of Pratapgad, which took place here on 10 November 1659, between Shivaji and Bijapur Sultanate general Afzal Khan. Chatrapati Shivaji's killing of Afzal Khan was followed by decisive Maratha victory over the Bijapur army.

The fort stands 1080 metres (3543') above sea level and is built on a spur which overlooks the road between the villages of Par and Kinesvar. The fort has a Tulja Bhawani temple from Shivaji's time. It has murti of goddess Bhawani, which has eight hands (Marathi : Ashtbhuj). Weapons of soldiers are on display near this temple.

We reached Pratapgarh Fort by 3.30 p.m. The student from last year Mr. Yash Kharade and Mr. Shivraj Bhosale narrated the story of Chh. Shivaji Maharaj and Afzal Khan's battle. The way they narrated changed the whole atmosphere and all started visualizing the encounter. Everyone felt proud for being Maharashtrian.

Tracking Pratapgarh was not at all an easy task. Still the students remembered the history of great Marathas learnt during the high school education and headed towards the top. All had a group snaps near the statue of Chh. Shivaji Maharaj. The **20 students** and **05 faculty** enjoyed to look at the natural beauty flora and fauna around Pratapgarh.

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Mr. Shivraj Bhosale (M. A. II) explaining the history related to artillery of the Great Chh. Shivaji Maharaj at Pratapgarrh

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Field Visit at Mahabaleshwar Market

The faculty of the department decided to take students to the market of Mahabaleshwar so that the students may learn some market strategies and techniques. We reached the market by 7.00 pm. Students and faculty members had shopping at the market. While shopping a couple from Zchek Republic had an encounter with the students and had healthy talk about their purpose of visit and their experience about the place and people from India and especially from Maharashtra.

Mr. Prafullakumar Kamble exchanged some dialogues with the foreign couple. Students also were encouraged to speak with these foreigners. The students were not much familiar with the accent used by these foreigners. Hence, earlier they lagged behind, but the moment the couple agreed for photographs, the students became quite happy.

In the evening all were in a hurry to go to Koregaon. We had dinner at Wai. Reached Koregaon at 10.00 pm and Mr. S. U. Kasgawade and Mr. R. G. Gaikwad communicated with the parents of the students who took their wards to their respective homes. The visit itself was a very exciting and excellent experience. The total beneficiaries of the activity were **20 students** and **05 faculty**.

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Interaction with Foreigners at Mahabaleshwar Market

