

DILLI HAAT

“If we are to preserve culture, we must continue to create it.”

The importance of taking the students out of the classroom to absorb, interact, and visualize has several learning benefits for the students to obtain practical knowledge and experience. The saying “I hear and I forget, I see and I remember, I do and I understand,” provides a backbone to the retaining of more information when visually experiencing activities in the chosen environment. In order to make the students aware and help them experience the culture of India, Institute of Vocational Studies, under the guidance of the Principal, Dr. Mandira Gupta and the Faculty Members organized a visit to the cultural hub- Dilli Haat in INA for the students of B.Ed. and D.El.Ed. on 18th and 21st of February 2022, 10:30 am onwards. The visit was divided in two days in order to ensure the safety of the teachers and the students and to follow Covid appropriate behaviour and maintain social distancing norms.

It was a very joyful experience for the Faculty Members as well as the Students. Everyone explored the plethora of traditional crafts and handloom products including rosewood and sandalwood carvings, embellished camel hide footwear, sophisticated fabric and drapery, gems, beads, silver jewellery, handmade diaries, brassware, metal crafts, and silk and wool fabrics, copperware, chandeliers, cane & jute products etc.

The students also spoke to the artists and asked about the handicrafts they make, how they learnt to make the same and about the hardships they had to face during the pandemic. The students also saw the artisans working on the spot and creating beautiful handicrafts. Later on the students enjoyed the variety of lip-smacking food cuisines from varied parts of India. With 62 stalls from different parts of India, it gave an experiential journey of various cultures and traditions under one

roof and made the students aware and helped them realize the value of the Indian culture and the importance of it's appreciation and preservation.

Here's a glimpse of the visit-



