

Visit to Sri Devi Kamakshi Mandir

Date: 6th October 2026

Place: Sri Devi Kamakshi Mandir, Aruna Asaf Ali Marg

Class: Koels

Purpose: Learning about India's diverse cultures, traditions, and places of worship.

Introduction

As part of the school's curriculum on India's diverse culture, traditions, and places of worship, the students of the Koels class visited Sri Devi Kamakshi Mandir on 6th October 2026. The visit provided the children with an opportunity to learn beyond the classroom and experience a place of worship through observation, interaction, and participation.

The visit was planned to help children understand the importance of being open to different cultures and their practices while developing curiosity, sensitivity, and appreciation for our rich heritage.

Circle Time and Preparation

The day began with the students entering their classroom, greeting their teacher, and marking their attendance. They submitted their homework folders. While waiting for their classmates, the children enjoyed solving puzzles and interacting with one another. During circle time, the teacher introduced the much-awaited visit to Sri Devi Kamakshi Mandir. The children discussed their previous experiences of visiting different places of worship, such as temples, churches, and Gurudwaras. They enthusiastically shared their experiences and listened to their classmates.

The teacher also discussed some important practices to follow during the temple visit. The children were reminded to stay together, speak softly, respect the place of worship, listen carefully, and avoid wasting food or other resources.



The children were excited and curious about the visit and eagerly prepared themselves for the journey.



Journey to the Temple

The children boarded the school bus with their teachers and volunteers. During the journey, they enjoyed observing the surroundings. The journey was filled with laughter, excitement, and conversations among the children.

On reaching the temple, the children were guided to stay together and follow the instructions of their teachers.



Exploring the Temple

As soon as the children reached the temple, they were fascinated by the colourful flower stalls outside. They observed different flowers and garlands, including lotus, roses, and marigolds, along with other offerings such as coconuts, bananas, incense sticks, and garlands.



Inside the temple, the children quietly observed their surroundings. They noticed the beautiful diyas, pillars, colours, carvings, and statues. The teachers encouraged them to look carefully and share their observations.



The children were introduced to the different deities and were given simple explanations about their significance. They observed the statues of Sri Devi Kamakshi, Lord Ganesha, and learned about the importance of prayer and gratitude.



Prayer and Meditation

One of the most peaceful moments of the visit was the meditation session. The children sat quietly in the hall with their eyes closed and followed their teacher's instructions.



They were encouraged to understand that prayer can be a way of expressing gratitude and wishing for the well-being of our families, friends, and loved ones.



The children also learned about the significance of the diya. They were told that light

symbolises wisdom and represents overcoming darkness, difficulties, sadness, and misunderstandings.



The children showed great curiosity and respect while learning about the stories, symbols, and traditions associated with the temple.

Learning About Respect and Diversity

The visit provided an opportunity to introduce children to the idea of religious diversity and mutual respect. The teachers explained that people may follow different religions, traditions, and ways of praying, and that we should respect everyone's beliefs.

The children listened attentively and understood the importance of being sensitive and respectful when visiting places of worship.

Prasadam

At the end of the visit, the children received prasadam from the temple. They were reminded to accept only as much as they could eat and not to waste food.

The children enjoyed the prasadam and followed the instructions responsibly. They were also encouraged to dispose off their plates and waste properly and to keep the surroundings clean.



This simple activity helped reinforce the importance of responsible waste disposal, cleanliness, and care for the environment.

Illustrative Recall

After returning to school, the children participated in an illustrative recall activity. They drew pictures based on what they had seen and experienced during their visit.



Their drawings included diyas, temple pillars, flowers, the school bus, deities, and moments spent with their friends. Each child was encouraged to describe their drawing and share what they remembered from the visit.

The activity helped the children express their experiences creatively while recalling the details of the temple visit.





Thank you,
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