



Institution's Innovation Council
Saurashtra University Rajkot

Education Tour

27th January, 2025 to 31st January, 2025

At

- Kutch Fossil Park
- Parle Industry
- Ashapura Agri Farm
- Lakhpur Fort
- Smritivan

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Saurashtra University – IIC

The university is dedicated to instruction, research, and extending knowledge to the public (public service). Ministry of Education (MoE), Govt. of India has established 'MoE's Innovation Cell (MIC)' to systematically foster the culture of Innovation among all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). The primary mandate of MIC is to encourage, inspire and nurture young students by supporting them to work with new ideas and transform them into prototypes while they are informative years. Saurashtra University is one the Organization that have constituted the IIC to foster the vision of MoE and be a part for the promotion and development of innovation ecosystem.

Event Schedule

Day & Date	Activity
Day 1: 27th January 2025	Departure from Saurashtra University to Kutch Visit to Kutch Fossil Park – Exploring prehistoric fossils and geological insights Evening briefing and rest
Day 2: 28th January 2025	Visit to Parle Industry – Learning about manufacturing processes and food safety Travel to the next destination and group discussion on observations
Day 3: 29th January 2025	Visit to Ashapura Agri Farm – Understanding organic and sustainable farming practices Interactive session with agricultural experts
Day 4: 30th January 2025	Visit to Lakhpat Fort – Exploring historical and cultural significance Group discussion on heritage conservation
Day 5: 31st January 2025	Visit to Smritivan – Learning about disaster management and environmental conservation Return to Saurashtra University

Event Registration Link

bit.ly/SUSEC-ET25

Brief about Event

The Department of Bioscience, in collaboration with the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) Saurashtra University, organized a five-day educational tour from 27th January 2025 to 31st January 2025. The primary objective of the tour was to provide students with practical exposure and a hands-on learning experience related to biosciences, history, and industrial processes. The tour covered multiple destinations, including Kutch Fossil Park, Parle Industry, Ashapura Agri Farm, Lakhpat Fort, and Smritivan.

1. Kutch Fossil Park

The visit to Kutch Fossil Park was an enlightening experience for the students as they explored well-preserved fossils dating back millions of years. The park provided insights into paleontology, prehistoric life forms, and geological changes over time. The students had the opportunity to interact with experts and understand fossil excavation and preservation techniques.

2. Parle Industry

A visit to Parle Industry offered students firsthand experience in understanding the production and packaging of confectionery products. The tour covered various stages of manufacturing, from raw material processing to final packaging. The session also focused on quality control measures, food safety standards, and sustainability practices adopted by the industry.

3. Ashapura Agri Farm

At Ashapura Agri Farm, students learned about sustainable farming practices, organic farming techniques, and modern agricultural innovations. The farm showcased different crop varieties, irrigation methods, and soil management strategies, which provided valuable insights into the role of biotechnology and agronomy in enhancing productivity.

4. Lakhpat Fort

The historical visit to Lakhpat Fort allowed students to explore the rich heritage of Gujarat. The fort, with its architectural brilliance and historical significance, helped students understand the cultural and strategic importance of the region during different historical periods. The visit also emphasized the preservation of heritage sites and their relevance in modern times.

5. Smritivan

Smritivan, a memorial and museum dedicated to the victims of the 2001 Gujarat earthquake, offered students an opportunity to reflect on disaster management and resilience. The museum featured interactive exhibits, digital storytelling, and informative sessions on earthquake preparedness and environmental conservation.

Moreover, the tour sought to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical implementation by immersing students in diverse environments where microbiology plays a pivotal role. Through interactions with researchers, and practitioners, we were able to gain insights into the challenges, opportunities, and emerging trends shaping the field of microbiology.

The importance of such educational tours cannot be overstated. They serve as catalysts for intellectual growth, professional development, and personal enrichment. By engaging in hands-on experiences, students acquire skills that are indispensable for their future careers, including critical thinking, problem-solving, and effective communication.

Key Points

During the session, below mentioned points were discussed:

- Kutch Fossil Park: Paleontology
- Parle Industry: Manufacturing
- Ashapura Agri Farm: Agriculture
- Lakhpat Fort: Heritage
- Smritivan: Resilience

Outcome

The educational tour provided students with a comprehensive learning experience by combining scientific, industrial, historical, and environmental aspects. The exposure to real-world applications of bioscience, heritage conservation, and industrial processes significantly enriched their academic knowledge. The tour also encouraged team building, critical thinking, and experiential learning, making it a highly successful initiative.



The poster for the Education Tour features a background image of a waterfall. At the top, it displays logos for Saurashtra University, SSIP, Institution's Innovation Council (Ministry of Education initiative), StartUp (Leading the future), and SEC. The main title "EDUCATION TOUR" is prominently displayed in orange. Below the title, a calendar icon indicates the dates "27th January, 2025 to 31st January, 2025". A location pin icon is followed by a list of sites: Kutch Fossil Park, Parle Industry, Ashapura Agri Farm, Lakhpat Fort, and Smritivan. A large orange box on the right contains the text: "Department of Bioscience and along with IIC Saurashtra University is organizing Session on 'Education Tour' on 27th January, 2025 to 31st January, 2025". A "REGISTER NOW" button is shown with the URL "bit.ly/SUSEC-ET25". At the bottom, three small images show the Kutch Fossil Park, Parle Industry, and Ashapura Agri Farm. Contact information includes the website "www.susec.ac.in" and the phone number "78740 69158".





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