

## **REPORT ON CELEBRATION OF GANDHI JAYANTI BY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA, AGRA CIRCLE**

The Archaeological Survey of India, Agra Circle celebrated Gandhi Jayanti on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2012 to create cultural awareness. In order to reach out the under privileged sections of the society with a message to welcome their mite in the preservation of our heritage, the children of Rajkiya Baal Griha, a shelter for orphans, Mathura were invited to participate in the programme and visit the monuments at Agra.

The under privileged Children of Rajkiya Baal Griha, Mathura visited Taj Mahal at 10-30 AM. to 11-30 A.M were taken around the great monuments under the guidance of the Officers of Archaeological Survey of India, Agra Circle. The children were thrilled to see the Taj Mahal, which till now they were fortunate only to see in photographs. This is for the first time the children had the opportunity to visit a place, leave alone any monument, outside their campus at Mathura. The children were very much glad to visit the World famous Taj Mahal. Shri Ajay Chauhan, IAS, District Magistrate, Agra joined the children and interacted with them at Taj Mahal.

After visiting the Taj Mahal, they were taken to Agra Fort. A small function and a painting competition for them were organized at Diwan-I-Am complex. They were fully allowed to participate in the function as one

among them lit the lamp and garland the photograph of Rashtripita Mahatma Gandhi. In the painting competition, their inherent artistic skills of them were in full bloom. They sang the favorite *bhajan* of Mahatma Gandhi “*Raghupati raghava raja Ram.....*”

Shri O.P. Yadav, District Probation Officer, Mathura expressed his full satisfaction that any children of any of the Rajkiya Baal Griha (orphanage) have come out of their campus to visit historical monuments for the first time in Uttar Pradesh. Dr. Ram Babu, President, Samarpan Manav Seva Santhan, an NGO dedicated for serving the orphaned children coordinated the event with Mathura District administration, also participated in the function. Further, to inculcate the need for education necessities like school bag, pencil box, water bottle, toys etc. were distributed to the them.

The programme was attended by officers and staff of Agra Circle with full enthusiasm. The print and electronic media attended the programme and gave coverage accordingly. At the end of day it was a fulfilling day for all, the staff of the Survey, the organizers and the authorities. To the children, it was a different experience. Today, the Survey took care of them. Some of them may take care of a monument in future. A day will come when some of them will evince interest to preserve our monuments.

## PHOTOGRAPHS



Children of Rajkiya Bal Griha, Mathura in front of Taj Mahal.



Children of Rajkiya Bal Griha, Mathura with District Magistrate, Agra & SA, ASI, Agra



Children of Rajkiya Bal Griha, Mathura in front of Taj Mahal.



Inauguration of function by lighting of lamp by the youngest girl of the group



View of the dais of the function



View of the children and participants



Painting Competition among children

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एसआई ने मंगलवार को राजकीय शिशु सदन मथुरा के बच्चों को ताज और किले का दौड़ा कराया। यहां आयोजित विभिन्न प्रतियोगिताओं में इन बाल प्रतिभाओं ने हिस्सा लिया। इस अवसर पर डीएम अजय चौहान, मथुरा के प्रोवेशन अधिकारी ओपी यादव, समर्पण मानव सेवा संस्थान के अध्यक्ष डॉ. राम बाबू मौजूद रहे।

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### अनाथ बच्चों ने देखा ताज

**आगरा:** गांधी जयंती पर एसआई ने नई पहल करते हुए अनाथ बच्चों को समाजों का भ्रमण कराया और विश्वकला प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया। एसआई ने इसके लिए राजकीय बाल गृह मथुरा के 94 बच्चों को आमंत्रित किया था।

कुल 94 बच्चे राजकीय बाल गृह मथुरा के बच्चों को ताज का भ्रमण कराया गया। ताज को देख बच्चे उत्साह से भरे गए।

यहां डीएम अजय चौहान व अधीक्षक सुरतलवीन्द एनके पाठक ने बच्चों को ताज के संकेत में जानकारी दी और उपहार बांटे।

इसके बाद आगरा किला का भ्रमण किया और वहां विश्वकला प्रतियोगिता कराई गई। प्रतियोगिता के बाद भी बच्चों को उपहार प्रदान किए गए।

इस दौरान एसआई अधिकारी अरुण सिंह, मुख्तार अली, फौज विहारी आदि मौजूद थे।