



MAHARASHTRA EDUCATION SOCIETY'S

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Date: 23/02/2025

Time: 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Venue: JNPT, Mumbai

MES Night College of Arts & Commerce, Karve Road under the guidance of the principal Dr. Sujata Adamuthe has organized a field visit to Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPT/ JNPA), Mumbai for the students of B.A. & B.Com. This visit was completely on voluntarily basis. The objective of the visit was to provide the students exposure about need and functionality of the Port, and also to make them aware about the import and export diaspora of the JNPT. Mr. Amardeep Gurme and Mr. Shiv Kumar were the coordinators for the visit and 27 students from B.Com. have participated in this visit.

The college arranged the bus for the visit, which came at 6:30 a.m. and the students and staff boarded timely for the visit. The visit included breakfast and the lunch at JNPA as well. The total duration from the College to the field destination took 4.5 hours including the time of journey, breakfast and some traffic issue. Yet, the students and staff managed to reach at the stipulated time i.e; 11 a.m.

Objectives of the Program

- 1.To provide students with practical exposure to port operations and logistics management.
- 2.To create awareness about import and export procedures and global trade systems.
- 3.To understand the role of ports in India's economy and supply chain management.
- 4.To familiarize students with the functioning of Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPT).
- 5.To introduce students to career opportunities in the port and logistics industry.
- 6.To bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world business practices.
- 7.To enhance students' understanding of customs procedures and international trade operations.



Mr. Patil explained about the history of ports, basic concepts and terms of port and port management, Need of Ports, Supply Chain Management, Economics, Role of Ports in Logistics, Basic procedure of import and export, Role of customs, etc. He also explained the need to build JNPT and the overall capacity, functions and operations of various departments in JNPA were entrusted. Mr. Patil also made the students aware about the building of another port at Palghar and why another port is getting constructed. He deeply explained about the criteria of building an ideal port, and India's Athiti Devo Bhavo practice while treating a foreign ship. Mr. Patil also enlightened upon that JNPT is one of the largest ports in India. It covers 3,500 hectares of the land and comprises sea level depth up to 15 fts and it also a tidal neutral port. It also encompasses facilities even for the ship pilots and truck drivers, which are often neglected. This includes dormitories, food, bathing and cleaning areas, medical aids and treatments, special training sessions, etc. entirely free of cost. He also explained various career opportunities in port industry. After the session, Mr. Patil shown the areas of the port and explained the meaning and relevance of each section. Later, the visit included lunch at JNPA Canteen, where Mr. Sandip Patil accompanied the visitors for the lunch.

Mr. Sandip Patil, a staff at JNPA, accompanied from the beginning till end. He managed and processed the documentation submission and let the visitors to pass through severe security and document verification process. Mr. Patil then explained the relevance of this port and complete agenda of the day through visit at JNPA. The permission of the visit was not easy to avail, hence the college involved Soham Tours for the complete management and coordination and this visit also included Mr. Girish Jadhav from the Soham Tours as well. Mr. Sandip Patil shown the visitors the premises of JNPA which was open for the public visit. He made the visitors relaxed at the seminar room and he delivered an interesting lecture of around 1 to 1.5 hours.





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Beyond its core shipping operations, JNPA is a catalyst for regional industrialization through its 277-hectare multi-product SEZ and the development of dry ports in Jalna and Wardha. To enhance efficiency, the port has implemented "Ease of Doing Business" initiatives like gate automation and Direct Port Delivery. Committed to sustainable growth, JNPA maintains 34% green cover and has received multiple "Green Port" awards. It also prioritizes social responsibility through the JNPA CIDCO Multi-Skill Development Centre, which provides technical training to the local population. With numerous ISO certifications and a vision to become South Asia's premier port, JNPA continues to integrate state-of-the-art technology with eco-friendly practices to provide seamless global logistics solutions.



Outcomes of the Program

- Students gained practical knowledge about port management and logistics operations.
- Students understood the import-export process and supply chain system.
- Students became aware of India's largest container port and its contribution to the economy.
- Students learned about career opportunities in shipping, logistics, and port management sectors.

The visit ended with the group photo and the students and the staff arrived back in the college at 8 p.m. with lots of learning, joy, experience and the new lights of new hope. This visit is incomplete without the continuous and strong support of teaching and non-teaching staff of the college.

