

Report on
**EDUCATIONAL EXCURSION TO SIRPUR – A JOURNEY THROUGH
HISTORY, CULTURE, AND SCIENCE**

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The **School of Studies in Biotechnology, PRSU, Raipur**, organised a one-day educational excursion on **11 October 2025** to **Sirpur, a town of archaeological, historical and cultural importance located in the Mahasamund district of Chhattisgarh**. The main objective was to explore India's ancient scientific, architectural and artistic excellence. A group of 35 members, including M.Sc. I and III semester students, PhD scholars and faculty members departed from the department at 7:00 am, accompanied by a professional guide who explained the historical and scientific significance of each site.

During the excursion, some important sites were visited **Lakshman temple, Archaeological museum, Bodh vihara, Gandheshwar mahadev temple with the Mahanadi river, and Surang Tila**. Each site reflected India's ancient excellence in architecture, engineering, art, and sustainability. The visit began with the Lakshman Temple, an ancient brick temple of the 6th century dedicated to Lord Vishnu, showcasing advanced engineering and geometrical precision. The group then visited the Archaeological Museum, which displayed artifacts and sculptures reflecting the coexistence of Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism.

At the Bodh Vihara, students observed ancient civil engineering skills such as proper ventilation and drainage, along with carvings symbolising ecological awareness and cultural exchange. The next stop was the Gandheshwar Mahadev temple on the bank of the Mahanadi River, illustrating ancient flood management and sustainable design. The final site, Surang Tila, impressed everyone with its earthquake-resistant architecture and geometric excellence.

The excursion was highly informative and provided valuable insights into ancient India's scientific wisdom, artistry, and sustainable architecture. It was a memorable learning experience for the students that connected history, science, and culture.

Glimpses of the Excursion



