

STUDY TRIP TO ANANDVAN, WARORA

Date of visit: 16th April, 2022

The 75th batch of IRS officers went on a study trip to Anandvan located around 5 km from Warora in Chandrapur district. OTs left the NADT at 7am to reach the location around 9am in the Academy bus.

OTs were briefed about Anadvan and taken to visit prominent places of this center. OTs were briefed by Sh. Bakshi about different places in Anandvan. Anandvan is a community rehabilitation center which was mainly started for leprosy patients and the disabled from downtrodden sections of society. This center was founded in 1949 by social activist Baba Amte.

Following activities/sights at Anandvan were undertaken:

- Visit to Samadhi of Baba Amte and his life's journey was briefed by Sh. Bakshi
- Different art and crafts work done by cured leprosy patients such as painting, wooden works, leather works, handloom, carpets etc
- Different small manufacturing units within Anadvan such as cooler manufacturing etc.
- Had a look of schools, colleges in the campus
- Detailed interaction with Mr. Vikas Amte (son of Baba Amte) on his journey of the Center

OTs were very interested to see the art and craft work done by leprosy patients. There was beautiful work done by these people and it shows that with dedication, devotion and determination any work can be done. People can overcome the hurdles and roadblocks in their life and learn and achieve something. Many OTs purchased paintings and greeting cards from their shop.

This trip brought great learning insights for the probationers. The fundamental civil service values of empathy, dedication to public values was seen through Baba Amte's life and workings of Anandvan. Residents of Anandvan are self-sufficient in terms of basic subsistence. Ashram also has various home-based, small-scale industry units run by the

residents that generate income to cover additional requirements. This shows self-sufficiency of Anadvan as a vibrant place and its journey of the people.

We returned back to academy around 3pm from this visit.

Note by: Aditya Saurabh, OT & Class rep. for the week

Picture gallery of this trip:



Figure 1 OTs leaving from NADT to Anandvan



Figure 2 Painting displayed, work done by leprosy patients



Figure 3 Briefing by Mr. Vikas Amte on the Anandvan journey



Figure 4 Visit to Art & Craft exhibition center