

CLASS 8 TRIP TO CHAKRATA (VIRATKHAI)

It all began when the 76 eighth graders, 6 teachers and 3 representatives of organisers boarded the Nandadevi Express, late night on 2nd December for their trip to Viratkhai. The energy and excitement was palpable. As expected when the group reached Viratkhai the sight of the little cottages, the winding paths, the unspoilt landscape and the pure mountain air kindled their spirit of adventure.

The organisers organised valley crossing, tree climbing, rappelling as well as hiking during the trip. Valley crossing was an exhilarating experience when children, secure with seat harnesses and helmets, slid from one end of the rope to the other. It was exciting to see them securing their feet in the loop, balance themselves and hve off to reach a tree top. For rappelling the children were all taken atop a steep mountain and were made to slide down the slope with ropes. This exciting adventure was topped with a picnic lunch before they were taken on a two hour trek to Tiger Hills to witness a pristine temple, glorious sunset, and snow capped mountains. In the evening the children put up a Talent Night, full of songs, dance, plays and acts. The organisers also organised a fire dance display and Garhwali Dance wherein every one joined. The third day was spent clicking photographs with endless talks and after an early lunch the group returned with memories of adventure, inspiration and insight.



