

My Project GO Story

The Urdu language learning program in Delhi was great! I gained a level of proficiency in both writing and speaking, which allowed me to communicate most of the ideas I wanted to convey. Beyond the basic ability to write and speak, the teachers were extremely diligent in teaching grammar on a very advanced level, allowing me further growth as my vocabulary increased.



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Memorable Moments

Most challenging: The most challenging experiences involved communicating with local drivers and shop owners at the beginning of the program when I was not able to speak Urdu well enough to express my intents.

Favorite: My favorite moment was visiting the monkey temple in Jaipur, as the wildlife was very entertaining.

Cultural Differences

A typical afternoon/evening... consisted of going to a local street vendor for food, then to the program house to study and complete homework. After a couple of hours of studying, I would take a rickshaw back to my host family's home, shower, and help prepare and eat dinner with my host family before retiring for the night.

New Perspective

What I couldn't have gotten anywhere else except India... simply being surrounded by people of a different country helps one become more compassionate and respectful. I felt more inclined to help in any way I could.

Advice to students considering this program: Take the opportunity if offered a scholarship. Work hard to excel and continue to improve your language skills once you return to the States.

How this experience will help me in my future career: I want to be a pilot. I see many ways Urdu can be beneficial, including opportunities to train and work with our Coalition Forces in India.