ISWK STUDENTS AND TEACHER AT ARIES

We are pleased to announce that Shashwat Singh, of class IX-C, and Parth Devaprasad Nayak, of class VII- D, of Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir, were taken on an educational tour to the Aryabhatta Research Institute of Observational Sciences, located in Nainital, Uttarakhand, India.

Earlier, in January 2023, both the students had enrolled for the National Astronomy Challenge, organized by STEM and SPACE. And both the students secured Global Rank 1 in the exam. For this achievement, both of them were felicitated in

Delhi at the Indian Habitat Centre. Apart from the felicitation, they also got the chance to interact with various scientists and professors of Delhi University. The next day, the students were taken on a long road trip to the Aryabhatta Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES), located in the city of lakes 'Nainital'. The students got the opportunity to meet various astronomers and also to observe the Asia's largest Optical Telescope located at Devasthal, 60 km from Nainital. This was the first time when students were given the opportunity to visit the Devasthal Campus of ARIES. Though the weather was slightly unfavorable, which hampered the observation process; it was a hands-on experience of using a telescope. Overall, it was a truly exciting and memorable journey for the students.

Shashwat, Parth and the teacher in charge Ms. Shruti Mukundan, collectively say, "We feel honoured at this rare opportunity to visit the ARIES observatory which allowed us to gain a lot of knowledge and experience related to observational astronomy. This will surely turn out to be really helpful for us in the future. But this would not have been possible without the support of our parents and teachers who always motivated us to perform better and give our best each time. We would like to thank the HOD-Science, the Vice Principal, the Principal and the School Management Committee for providing this wonderful educational trip collaborating with STEM and SPACE team."