



Report: Commemoration of Jamshedji Tata's 120th Anniversary.

Introduction: To commemorate Jamshedji Tata's 120th anniversary, a three-day excursion to Jamshedpur was organized from July 26-28. This event was significant, as it coincided with the anniversary of JRD Tata's historic flight on October 15, 1932, where he flew a De Havilland Puss Moth carrying air mail from Karachi to Bombay (now Mumbai). The excursion was organized by Ashutosh Sir, Chief of Tata Steel Industrial Consulting (TSIC), and invited our flying instructor and five cadets, including Amrita Sinha.

Day 1 (July 26):

The group was picked up by their instructor and taken to the Behala Flying Club. They drove to Jamshedpur and checked in at the guest house. During lunch, the cadets met with Mr. Palash, their flying instructor, Master Warrant Officer (N.R. Ghoshal Sir), and Commanding Officer (Wing Commander S. Selva Kumar). - Later, the group drove to Gopal Maidan, where they met Ashutosh Sir, who invited them to an aeromodelling show. The evening featured a test flight of the CONTROL LINE MODEL and RC (SWAN MODEL) in the PT kit at Gopal Maidan, Jamshedpur.

Day2: July 27

On July 27, a series of events related to aviation and aeromodelling took place at Gopal Ground, Jamshedpur, as part of the commemoration of Jamshedji Tata's 120th anniversary and JRD Tata's historic flight. **Aeromodelling Show:** The event began with a briefing about aeromodelling and models. Demonstrations were given by influencers, Ashutosh Sir, Palash Sir, CO Sir, and MWO Sir, who shared their experiences and motivated the cadets. - The show featured a static display of aircraft, including a De Havilland Puss Moth plane. **Cadets' Model Display:** The cadets showcased their static, RC (radio control), and control line models. - Static models included MIG27, MIG 29, C130J, MI26, and SUKHOI 30 MKI. - RC models ran on methanol. **Flying Demonstrations:** The group flew four models, including the SWAN Model (RC). **Briefings and Interactions:** The cadets received briefings about their models, specifications, and more. They interacted with Ashutosh Sir, Palash Sir, CO Sir, and MWO Sir, gaining insights into aeromodelling and aviation. **Aviation Exhibition:** A static aircraft display showcased Pilatus PC12 and Super King B200GT, among other aircraft. Visitors took selfies in front of the airplanes. The events on July 27 provided a comprehensive experience, covering various aspects of aeromodelling and aviation and paying tribute to JRD Tata's contributions to Indian aviation.

Day 3 (July 28):

After breakfast, the group visited Demna Lake, went on a speed boating ride, and explored Dobo Dam, Swarnrekha River, and Temple and visited a nearby area like Diamond Park, Jubilee Park (the "Jubilee

Diamond” became part of the Tata story in the early 1900s when the diamond was pledged along with the entire personal wealth of Sir Dorabji Tata and his wife to pull Tisco (the former name of Tata Steel) out of severe financial difficulties in the aftermath of the First World War). and temples in the evening. They then returned to Behala Flying Club and headed home.

Conclusion:

The three-day excursion was a memorable experience, combining aviation history, flight training, and networking opportunities. Children from across Jamshedpur schools had their wow moment when they came to know these interesting facts about JRD, who is popularly known as the first licensed commercial pilot apart from being the chairman of Tata Group, on his 120th birth anniversary. The young lot also heard about De Havilland Puss Moths for the first time and how a helicopter can be flown with remote control, all thanks to Tata Steel's aviation department, which, like every year, paid homage to the doyen of Indian industry by organizing a static display of aircraft and aero-modelling for Jamshedpureans at Sonari aerodrome on Gopal Maidan. Jolly Sunil, wife of Sunil Bhaskaran, vice president (corporate services) of Tata Steel, inaugurated the exhibition. Jamshedpur Aeromodelling Club displayed a static Puss Moth plane to give visitors an idea about the kind of aircraft JRD flew from Karachi to Mumbai. "This is a static model. It's like a skeleton that forms the base of any aircraft with just variations in design. We have kept this model because it is a monoplane with single-fixed wings, one of the early designs," said Ashutosh Panigrahi, a member of Jamshedpur Aeromodelling Club and also Tata Steel executive. We cadets also showcased our STATIC, RC, RC and CONTROL LINE MODELS and enjoyed them a lot. It was a fitting tribute to Jamshedji Tata's legacy and JRD Tata's pioneering achievements in Indian aviation.

Thank you!





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