

# When Traditions Come Alive: A Visit to Gram Sanskruti Udyan

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On 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2026, the students of Grade IV set out on an educational field trip to Gram Sanskruti Udyan, Pune's first mock village park. This distinctive destination offers an immersive portrayal of rural Indian life through thoughtfully designed statues and authentic surroundings.

Gram Sanskruti Udyan is conceptualised to reflect traditional village living, presenting various facets of rural society such as livelihood practices, everyday chores, and local trade. The park welcomes visitors with a grand entrance marked by a statue symbolising India's rich cultural legacy.



One of the key highlights of the park is its village life representation. Life-sized sculptures depict villagers engaged in everyday activities, including Vasudevs, nomads, Kirtankars, and Varkaris. These detailed portrayals offer students a vivid insight into the rhythm of village life. Each sculpture narrates a story, illustrating the roles, customs, and interdependence within rural communities, thereby helping students understand the significance of collective living and traditional occupations.

Another engaging feature is the market simulation, which demonstrates the functioning of local markets and emphasises the role of trade and exchange in sustaining village economies.



The park also holds strong educational value, with informational descriptions and plaques primarily displayed in Marathi. This allowed students to engage with the local language and appreciate its cultural importance.

The students were enthusiastic throughout the visit, keenly observing their surroundings and recording their experiences in their diaries. Exploring the park sparked their imagination and deepened their understanding of village life. Many reflected on how the visit enhanced their appreciation of the vital contributions rural communities make to the Indian economy.



Overall, the field trip to Gram Sanskruti Udyan proved to be both enriching and enjoyable. It offered meaningful insights into rural traditions and lifestyles, fostering a deeper respect for village communities and making the experience a truly memorable one for all.