

nearby and for boating in a river. We were taught rappelling also. I enjoyed trekking because we had gone with the younger children.



## **GAMES**

I mostly play basketball. Although sometimes, I play volley ball too, but my favourite game is Basket Ball. I enjoy the game when we are playing with my friends of Gratitude and Humility Group. I do not like to run and do the warm-up exercises.

## **TRIP**

This year we went to the Andamans Island for our annual trip. It was a very thrilling and adventurous trips with many new experiences. We travelled by a ship - the "Swaraj Dweep". It was

a novel experience for me as this was the first time that I would travel in such a huge ship. The food served on the ship was tasty. We saw flying fish, dolphins, turtles, etc, from the deck of the ship. It took us 3 days to reach Andamans. In Port Blair we stayed at the Teacher's Training Institute.

## **CELLULAR JAIL**

Our first visit was to see the Cellular Jail. We saw many pictures of the freedom fighters who had been imprisoned here during the freedom struggle. We also saw the gallows where the freedom fighters were hung and the workshop where the prisoners were made to extract coconut oil. We went to the main tower of the Jail which was the only entrance to the cells. In the evening, we

went back to the Cellular Jail for the Sound and Light show, which I enjoyed a lot.

# SCIENCE MUSUEM

Next day we went to visit the Science Museum. There were many theories that we read and learnt about the scientific things that were displayed. We played quite a few scientific games. After playing for some time, we



were shown a 3-D short film about the adventures of a turtle. It was an enjoyable experience.

## SAMUDRIKA MUSEUM-

In the Aquarium, we saw many different types of corals and fishes like the starfish, catfish, rockfish etc. We also saw the pearls coming out of the shells. Some of the fish we saw were so tiny that I felt like touching them.

#### NAVAL MUSEUM

We saw exhibits of different types of shells displayed in one room, corals in another and fishes in yet another room. There was plenty to see and we were all awed by the variety we saw. We took pictures with the model of a mermaid. Water was spouting from her mouth.



## **SAW MILL**

In the mill, we were told about the different types of wood and their uses. There were many wonderful wood carvings made by the people themselves. We saw the bomb pit where the British had bombarded the place in World War II when Andamans was under the

Japanese.

## **CHIDIA TAPU**



In Chidiatapu we saw many types of birds, deer and wild boars. The monitor lizards and crocodiles were awe inspiring. We also saw sea eagles and golden eagles.

# **Gandhi Park**

Next day, we went to the Gandhi Park. We did paddle boating which was very interesting. We also saw pink and violet lilies blooming in the middle of the pond and they looked very beautiful. Some of my friends plucked the lilies from the water and were fined as plucking flowers was prohibited. The teachers got very angry with them. We played in the ground meant for small children and enjoyed ourselves

thoroughly. We also had mangoes which were very sweet and drank coconut water. In the evening, we went to the Marine Park where we saw many types of fishes. We all were very excited to see the colourful fishes going by. We finished our day by eating ice cream.



We went to the Ross Island and visited the Radhanagar beach by a ferry. It was fun time on the ferry. We saw many flying fishes and other big fishes jumping up and it was really an interesting sight. We all sat in the front deck of the ferry and enjoyed very much. We also went to the Kalapathar beach.

# **Departure from Andaman**

We departed from Andaman on 21<sup>st</sup> around midday. The return trip to Vishakhapatnam was also for 3 days. We had to wait for our train as it was running late. So, we went to see two museums. It was an unforgettable trip.