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Chennai corporation school students visit Germany



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organised an overseas excursion trip for seven students studying in its schools.

The students -- M Parthiban (10), K Nishanth (9), K Ilakkiya (9), A Pushparaj (8), S Haripriya (10), V Priyanka (9) and S Sivagami (9) -- visited [Germany](#) for a seven-day trip between July 3 and 10.

On Thursday, the students called on municipal administration minister S P Velumani and health minister C Vijayabaskar at the state secretariat.

The German tour was sponsored in part under the Wings to Fly initiative of the Rotary Club of Madras East and the Goethe Institut in Nungambakkam.

This is the second time the local body has organised an overseas trip for the benefit of its students. Last year, a batch of seven students visited [Malaysia](#).

"The students who went on the trip were the shortlisted finalists in an oratorical competition conducted by the Rotary Club and the Goethe Institut," said an official.

The topic for the competition was "Let's embrace our rivers" which was to be presented in the format of story-telling.

During the tour, the students visited the Berlin and Hamburg cities.

The cleanup project on the Elbe river, which runs through Hamburg, was what the students found most interesting as they said that similar technique could be used to clean the Cooum and the Adyar rivers in Chennai.

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Besides sightseeing, the students also visited the spot where the Berlin wall stood. According to education department officials, the students were intrigued by the cold war history and a split German nation, before the wall came down.

Senior officials said overseas trips were invaluable learning experiences for corporation school students. "Such experiences set them up well for their future," said an official.