



## **Kutch, Gujarat, West India : an overseas field-based course on fieldwork techniques**

Practical: 27 Nov-5 Dec 2010

Theory & pre-fieldwork preparation (half day): Oct 2010

### **Objectives**

- to link the theoretical concepts to what is observed in reality
- to engage in fieldwork techniques of data collection, analysis and presentation
- to network with fellow geography educators on pedagogy and content

### **Topics of interest**

Weather studies, Hydrology, Geomorphology, Biogeography, Vegetation, Rural Geography, Eco tourism, Fieldwork pedagogy and techniques

**Resource Person** : Dr Kalyani Chatterjea, Associate Professor, Humanities & Social Studies Education Academic Group, NIE (NTU)

**Participants** : Secondary and JC/CI Geography teachers

**Cost** (estimate) : \$2700 (members) \$2800 (non-members)

### **Includes:**

- return economy class air-fare to Mumbai & internal flight (tbc)
- overland transport, full board (twin sharing), meals, guides
- notes, handouts and worksheets
- equipment and in-class training resources
- specialist resource person from NIE
- basic personal accident insurance coverage of S\$10 000 per person. (Medical claims of S\$500 per person for accidental injuries only. Not for treatment of illness / food poisoning.) Excess of S\$40 payable by insured for each claim
- admission fees

### **Registration and further details**

Please register online ([www.gta.org.sg](http://www.gta.org.sg)) by 30 Aug 2010

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The Rann of Kutch is a seasonally marshy saline clay desert located in the Thar Desert biogeographic province in the Kutch District, state of Gujarat, India. The Rann of Kutch comprises some 30,000 square kilometres between the Gulf of Kutch and the mouth of the Indus River in southern Pakistan. Kutch is an interesting place, rich in culture, history, crafts, wildlife, birdlife and also nomadic tribes.

## PROPOSED PROGRAMME (27 NOV – 5 DEC)

Day 1 - Arrive Mumbai and take onward flight/train to Bhuj.

Day 2 - Catch the morning train to Bhuj. Drive to Infinity Rann of Kutch (IROK), a tented camp in an oasis. There are 16 tents with restaurant, recreation area, swimming pool, and a huge fruit orchard. Welcome briefing and cultural programme for the night.

Day 3 - Survey the nearby dormant volcano called Dhinodar. O/N IROK.

Day 4 - Survey the mudflat and inland lake called Chauri Phulai. O/N IROK.

Day 5 – Gp 1: Village Tera, a Heritage Village where our NGO, Kutch Ecological Research Centre (KERC) is located. On the way, visit Village Path where there are fossils and then to Naliya and tera dhond (grasslands). O/N KERC guesthouse.

Gp 2: Drive to Dhola Vira to see the archaeological site of the old Harrapan civilisation. Overnight at a tented camp there

Day 6 – Gp 1: Study mangroves, salt pans and sand dunes near the sea port of Jakhau. O/N KERC Guesthouse

Gp 2: Visit the small and big rann of Kutch. Return to Infinity Rann of Kutch for overnight stay. O/N IROK

Day 7 - Return to Bhuj for train back to Mumbai

Day 8 - Mumbai – free and easy

Day 9 – Depart return flight to Singapore