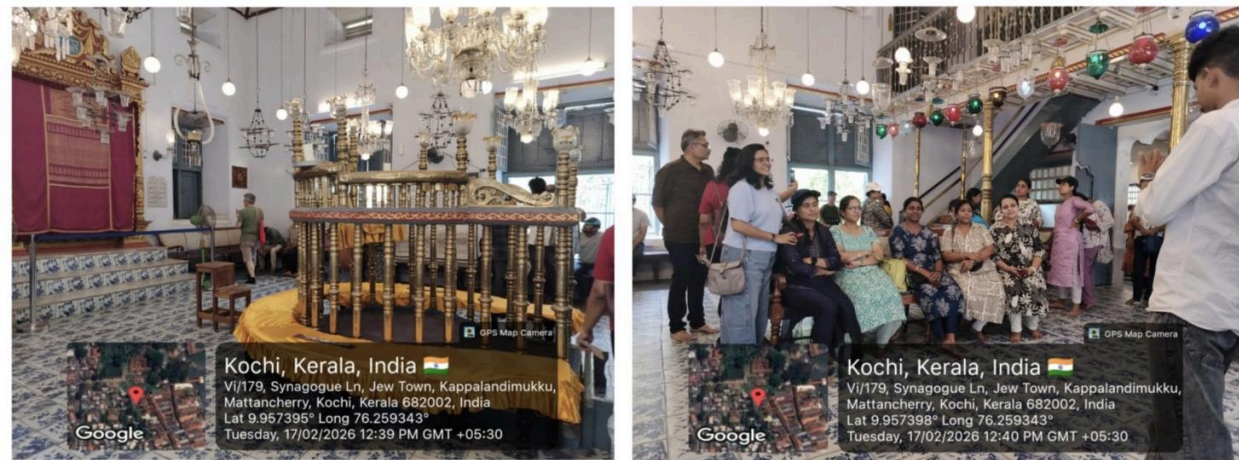


Field Trip- Ernakulam

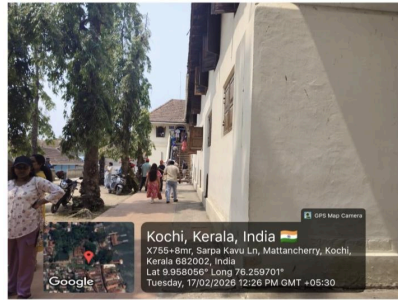
On 17 February 2026, the B.Ed. Second Semester students (2025–2027 batch) of BNV College of Teacher Education, Thiruvallom embarked on an enriching and memorable field trip to Ernakulam. A total of 41 students, accompanied by six teachers and one non-teaching staff member, participated in the journey. The trip was planned as part of the academic activities of the institution to provide students with exposure to historical, cultural, and geographical landmarks of Kerala.

The group assembled at the college campus early in the morning and departed at 5:00 a.m. The journey began with great enthusiasm and excitement among the students. After traveling for several hours, the team stopped near Cherthala in Alappuzha district at around 9:00 a.m. for breakfast. The break provided time for refreshment and relaxation before continuing the journey towards the main destinations. After breakfast, the group resumed the trip to Mattancherry, the first major stop of the day.

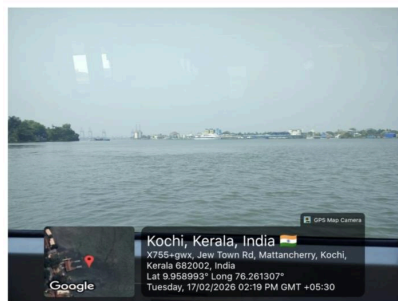
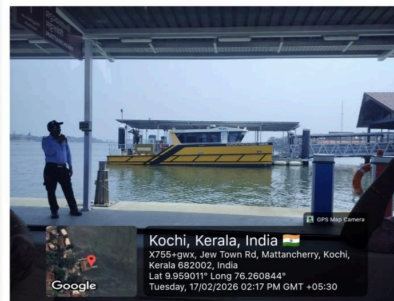
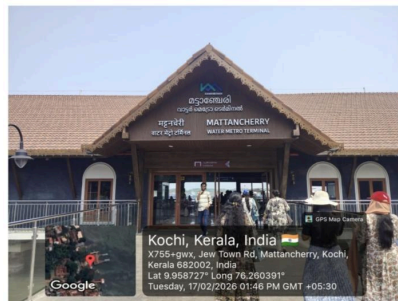
Upon reaching Mattancherry, the students first explored Jew Town, a historically significant area known for its traditional streets, antique shops, and spice markets. The locality reflects the multicultural heritage of Kochi and offered students an opportunity to observe the unique architecture and vibrant atmosphere of the place. Walking through the narrow lanes of Jew Town gave everyone a chance to experience the historical charm and commercial importance of the region.



From there, the group visited the historic Paradesi Synagogue. The synagogue, one of the oldest active synagogues in the Commonwealth, stands as a symbol of the Jewish community's long presence in Kerala. The students observed the beautiful interiors, including the hand-painted tiles and antique chandeliers, and gained knowledge about the cultural and religious history associated with the site. The next stop was a nearby painting hall, where students had the opportunity to see various artistic works. The paintings reflected traditional themes and artistic styles, helping the group appreciate the importance of art in preserving culture and history.



The team then proceeded to the famous Mattancherry Palace, also known as the Dutch Palace. Although commonly referred to as the Dutch Palace, it was originally built by the Portuguese around 1545 as a gift to the rulers of the Kingdom of Cochin and was later renovated by the Dutch. The palace is well known for its traditional Kerala architectural style and its remarkable murals. Inside the palace, the students viewed beautiful wall paintings depicting scenes from Indian epics and portraits of the Rajas of Kochi. The exhibits displayed royal costumes, weapons, and artifacts that offered a glimpse into the royal heritage of the region.



At approximately 1:46 p.m., the group reached the Mattancherry Water Metro Terminal. From there, they boarded the Kochi Water Metro for a scenic ride across the waters. During the journey, the students enjoyed views of the Cochin Port, Wellington Island, and several prominent buildings along the waterfront.

The group arrived at Marine Drive, where lunch was arranged at a restaurant. Later, at around 4:30 p.m., a cruise boat ride was arranged from Marine Drive. The cruise through the calm waters of Vembanad Lake offered beautiful views of the city's coastal landscape. A guide accompanied the group and explained the significance of various landmarks visible during the ride. From the boat, students could see the Cochin Port, parts of Fort Kochi, and the famous Chinese fishing nets (Cheenavala). During the cruise, the group also moved to the lower deck, where a DJ session had been arranged. The lively music created a cheerful atmosphere, and the students enjoyed the time together. After the cruise ride, the group took a stroll along Marine Drive, appreciating the evening breeze and the scenic waterfront view.



To mark the end of the visit, a group photograph was taken to capture the memories of the day. The students and staff then returned to the bus and began their return journey. Dinner was arranged at a restaurant in Edappally at around 8:00 p.m. After dinner, the group continued traveling back to the college. The team safely reached the campus at 2:17 a.m. in the early hours of the next day. The field trip to Ernakulam was well organized and successfully completed as per the schedule. It provided the students with an opportunity to visit important historical and cultural landmarks, experience modern transportation facilities like the Water Metro, and enjoy the scenic beauty of Kochi's waterfront.