

Headline: A great experience in good and bad.

In India a teacher and a student from Herfølge School experienced a banquet as well as poverty. The latter inculcated the clearest impression.

HERFØLGE: Alberte Zangenberg and Helene Tind – respectively student and teacher from Herfølge School – have returned from India.

The daily newspaper “Køge” wrote before their trip that they were going to a conference in New Delhi where they were nominated for Helene Tind’s teaching project called Chain Stories.

Unfortunately they didn’t win the many euros which were at stake but never the less it has been a trip they will never forget.

It really didn’t matter so much that we didn’t win. In a way we won as we were nominated and were given a trip, the English teacher says.

She as well as the student established some good contacts to other countries in Europe and Asia at the conference which took place over a week-end in the middle of November.

Beggars everywhere

The slum and the many begging children who were send out by older family members to get money for food is an experience which is remembered strongly after the return to Denmark.

We had in advance talked about that we would probably see some terrible things. And we did. It is crazy so poor some of those from the lowest rank is, says the teacher.

They witnessed miserable conditions and experienced among others a mother without legs. She was being pushed around on a rolling board by her daughter 2-3 years of age while she had an infant in her lab.

When you experience such a thing you become humble and think twice about how well we have it in Denmark.

During the trip the two Danish women felt that they had become a tourist attraction themselves. Several places, among others at Mahatma Gandhi’s grave, they were stopped by several Indian families who were more interested in having pictures taken together with the white women than looking at the memorial grove and the funeral place.

But all in all it has been an experience they will never forget is the message from Helene Tind and Alberte Zangenberg