

Voices of Students Dispatched to Anna University in 2025

Visiting period: September 20–29, 2025

(These are translations of parts of the student survey.)

1. What I learned in terms of training and language at the host university

- During my training at Anna University, I had the opportunity to attend a wide range of lectures, not only on my own research field, but also on topics such as marine management and design thinking. This broadened my knowledge and perspectives.
- Through lectures by professors and visits to companies, I was able to broaden my knowledge across various fields, including marine environmental issues and their solutions, collaboration between Japanese and Indian companies, analysis of human movement, and research in design engineering.
- In terms of language, I was able to learn to understand Indian English accents and practice communicating in English through lectures and interactions with students.
- In India, the English I encountered daily ranged from standard pronunciations to highly distinctive accents that were sometimes difficult to understand at first. Initially, this was challenging, but striving to communicate in such an environment greatly strengthened my practical listening skills and my ability to understand diverse forms of English.

2. What I learned about the lifestyle, culture and society of the host country

- India's religious practices were very different from those in Japan. I saw people praying devoutly at temples, and most people ate using only their right hand. I also noticed many high-rise buildings under construction, which reflected the country's rapid development.
- Life in India was full of discoveries of differences from Japan, making each day a stimulating learning experience. Socially, I witnessed how deeply religion is integrated into people's daily lives and the stark gaps between rich and poor. At the same time, I was deeply impressed by the warmth and hospitality of the people, as well as the students' remarkable dedication to their studies.