

Voices of Students Dispatched to Panjab University in 2025

Visiting period: September 15–25, 2025

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

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

-The curriculum at the university there emphasized hands-on experiments, which left a strong impression on me. Compared with universities in Japan, it appeared to place greater importance on developing practical skills that can be applied immediately in the workplace.

-During the industrial tour, we visited PCB, LED, and ice cream factories. While the ice cream factory was highly automated, the PCB and LED factories relied more on manual assembly along the production lines, suggesting that labor costs may be lower than the cost of automation.

-I often saw Indian students taking detailed notes in large, thick notebooks. Their dedication to learning motivated me to work harder in my own studies.

-Even among Indians, English is used as a common language, making it necessary to speak English on a daily basis at the university. Because their English proficiency was much higher than mine, I struggled with vocabulary, especially during in-depth discussions.

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

-People were constantly on their smartphones. It was interesting to see how their love of chatting really reflects the national character.

-I had assumed that most Indians could speak English, but I was surprised that many people, including tuk-tuk drivers and restaurant staff, did not speak English. I also noticed that economic gaps in India still persist.

-On a societal level, I noticed significant economic disparities within the country.

-I learned that when making donations at places of worship, giving too much is not necessarily good. It is important to decide the amount based on an understanding of the local cost of living.

-Through the SXIP program, I was able to interact with many Indian students,

something I wouldn't have experienced on a simple trip to India. I feel that I made great friends, and I look forward to having fun in person, chatting and laughing with them again.

