

# Expedition 01: An Odyssey of Adventure

## **1. Salient features:**

- Country: France
- Date: November 2022 - April, 2023
- Route: Solo circum navigation by Abhilash by BAYANAT(ex Gregal)
- Category : Adventure – Competition
- Themes: Exploration & Knowledge sharing
- First Sea based HKC sponsored Expedition. Exchanged hands with BAYANAT prior to GGR Race commencement

## **2. Concept**

Acquisition of sail boat *GREGAL* was motivated by OPC's broader social objectives. While the boat's immediate purpose was to support Abhilash's participation in GGR, its long-term vision was focused on pioneering HKC Expeditions. The objective: to leverage *GREGAL* for inspiring sea-based adventures aimed at exploration, community engagement, and fostering maritime heritage.

## **3. Objectives:**

- The project was taken up with larger view of HKC social objectives to be implemented through bigger sailing boat which can accommodate 10-15 people and go around the world as a research platform for ocean science, climate change, pollution, alternate energy.
- To transfer knowledge through our association with Abilash Tomy.

## **4. Team:**

Cmdr. Abhilash Tomy and HKC Team until hand exchanged with BAYANAT

## **5. General Information:**

- An accidental telephone with Abhilash lead to acquisition of sail boat GREGAL (RUSTLUR 36) from celebrity French sailor Philip Piche to enable him participate in GGR(2022-2023) for Solo Circum Navigation by sea around the globe
- Thus it became HKC expedition-01.
- HKC roots germinated in 1998 when ODC foundation was established, Several small & medium social projects were carried out. This eventually evolved in establishing HKC Projects & Expeditions

## 6. Route & Places visited :

Solo Circum Navigation by sea around the globe by Abhilash under BAYANAT



## 7. Tie ups / MOU established during expeditions:

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## 8. Impact and Awareness:

- Experience & Awareness through observation of GGR race
- Transfer of knowledge through our interactions with Abhilash

## 9. Essence:

Abhilash's journey in the GGR 2022-23 aboard *BAYANAT* was a triumphant one, culminating in a stellar second-place finish. This remarkable feat not only demonstrated exceptional skill and perseverance but also became the foundation for the HKC Sea Expeditions.

A chance call from a close friend in France soon after the race brought the team to Normandy, where new opportunities for sea-based adventures unfolded.

## 10. Photo Gallery:



On Arrival Cdr Abhilash Tomy (India) – 2nd / 19 Apr 23 / 236 days at Sea



Abhilash Tomy met with Vilram Naik



Simon Curwen (UK) – Greatest of the great – came 1st but disqualified for technical reasons! Was 1000 miles ahead.



Kirsten Neuschäfer (S. Africa) - 1st (233 days at Sea.)



Proud moment for Indians present at the event

## **Expedition 2: A Journey of Discovery** (Completed) -

### **1. Salient features:**

- Country : India
- Date: February 21, 2024 - March 21, 2024
- Route: Mumbai – Himalayas ( Dharmshala ) - Pondicherry
- Visited: 25 destinations x 30 days x 7,200KM
- Category : Case Study and Pilot Project
- First land based HKC Expedition

### **2. Concept:**

- To visit different geographical regions in rural areas and observe the civilization – culture – regional diversities & traditions – languages – behaviour - food
- To observe – explore – participate areas of HKC Themes and what we can do in those regions in a planned manner specific to the areas of those Themes. How we can help the living beings which is actually the ultimate essence of the expedition to be achieved.
- Observations during the travel and through inclusive interactions at places of different beliefs and faith to observe and understand diversity – cultures – traditions

Interaction with heads of administration / organizations / institutes such as Universities – Hospitals – Spiritual centres ( like Ashrams ), to appreciate the wonderful job they are doing, to understand knowledge, thoughts, ideas on relevant HKC themes that fall under their purview, for possible tie ups at various levels

### **3. Objectives:**

- To empower participants—helping them evolve physically, mentally, and spiritually while nurturing personal growth and skill development through hands-on experience.
- To give back to society on a global scale, through an organized, structured, and self-sustainable enduring platform within the ambit of HKC themes.
- This expedition was primarily focused on themes (Code – K08, C09,C10) : Ancient Civilization, Culture, Art & Museum, Tribal Classical Dance, Music, Science & Technology, University & Research Institute, NGOs

### **4. Team:**

Francois Jerome Bernard (France)

Ruze Hautin (France)

Cheneviere Morin (France)

Mariyam Marie Pascale (France)

Vikram Naik (India)

Prasad Rane (India)  
Sunil Mohite (India)  
Sarvesh Kumar (India)  
Truck Driver (India)

## 5. General Information:

- 5 French and 5 Indians were participated in this expedition
- Food was cooked & eaten enroute or wherever conditions supported. Overnight stay was mostly in Hotels or Ashrams.
- Nobody fell sick throughout. Trip was great success. Each & every person was satisfied.
- The team could meet spiritual leaders of prominent Ashrams in Rishikesh and other places, head of academic (vice Chancellor) of University and also visit charitable organisations, Mid day meals, tribal centres and revered places of different faiths.

## 6. Route & Places visited :



Mumbai –  
Elephanta Caves-  
Billimora-  
Palitana-  
Ahmedabad-  
Patan-  
Udaipur-  
Jodpur-  
Ajmer-  
Delhi-  
Amritsar-  
Dharamshala-  
Chandigarh-  
Rishikesh-  
Nainital-  
Ayodhya-  
Telangana-  
Pondicherry

## **7. Tie ups / MOU established during expeditions :**

Team had meaningful discussions for tie ups with institutes, universities, spiritual leader. This discussion are to be taken up in this year 2025 to next level.

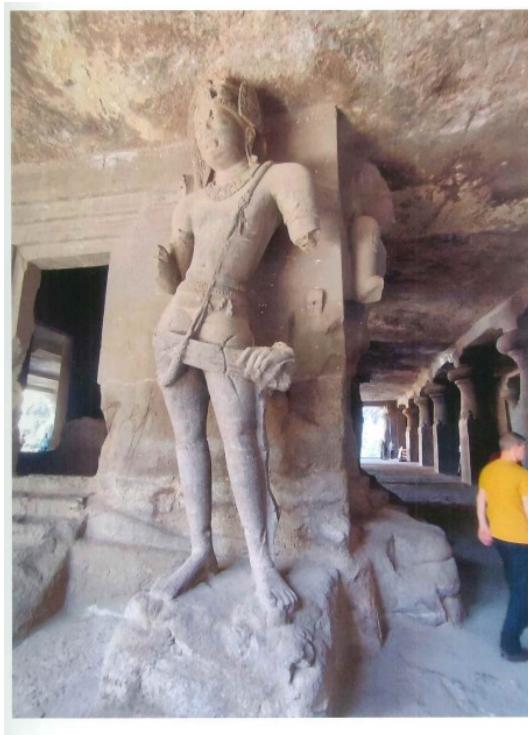
## **8. Impact & Awareness**

- Transfer of knowledge & experiences at local levels visited
- Transfer of knowledge and cultural awareness to visiting team from France
- Researched and explored possibility of HKC themes (Climate change, green energy, organic food)

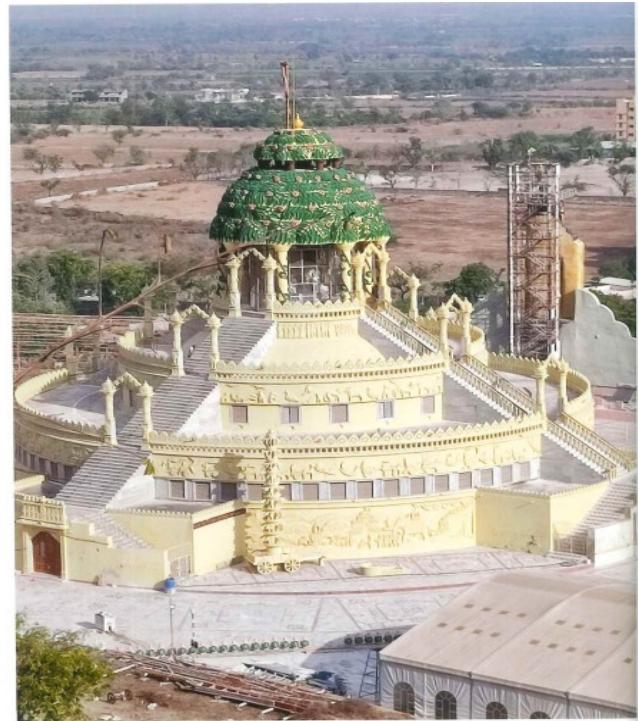
## **9. Essence:**

- Vice Chancellor – Dy Director – Trustee of 3 different universities and Head of a reputed Hospital – all from different geographical regions were interacted with and had healthy relevant discussions.
- Great number of spiritual places – several different religious places of worships for different religions – academic centres – hospitals – spiritual centres – tribal schools – villages were visited and extensively interacted with.
- Except for giving formal lectures in the university and brain-storming with senior people , there was nothing we did which could cause Awareness or Impact which could help people. This however is the ground level essence of the Project.

## **10. Photo Gallery: (This section will be updated as per VN input)**



Team visited world heritage monument of Elephanta Caves to explore art and culture



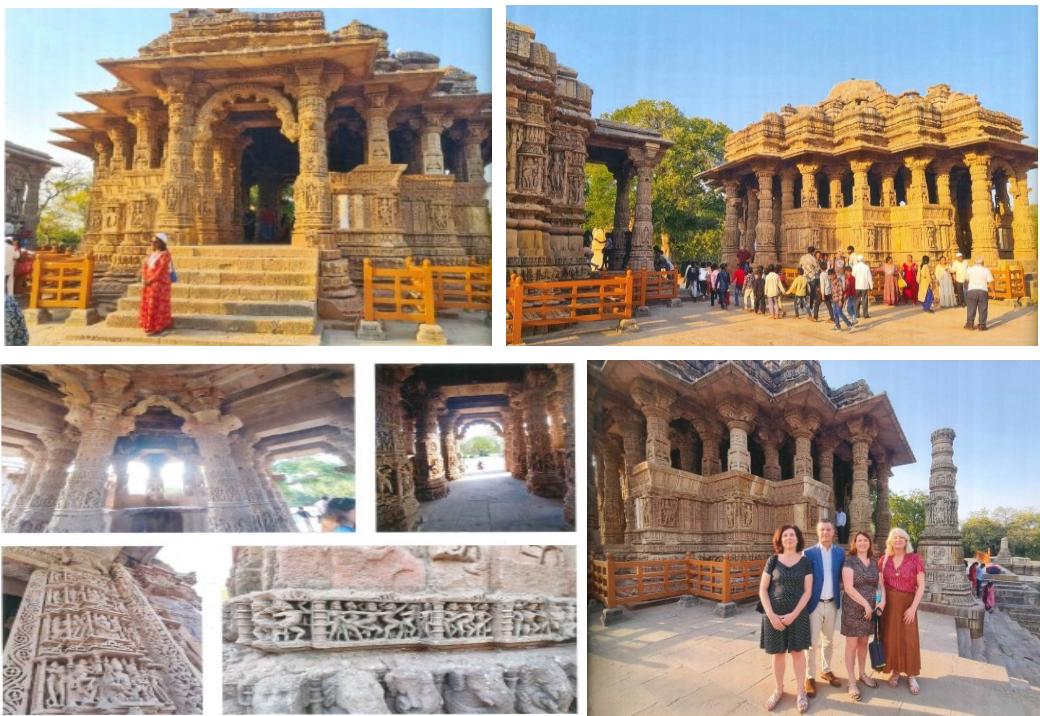
One of the five sacred Jain Temples at Shatrunjya Hill, Palitana



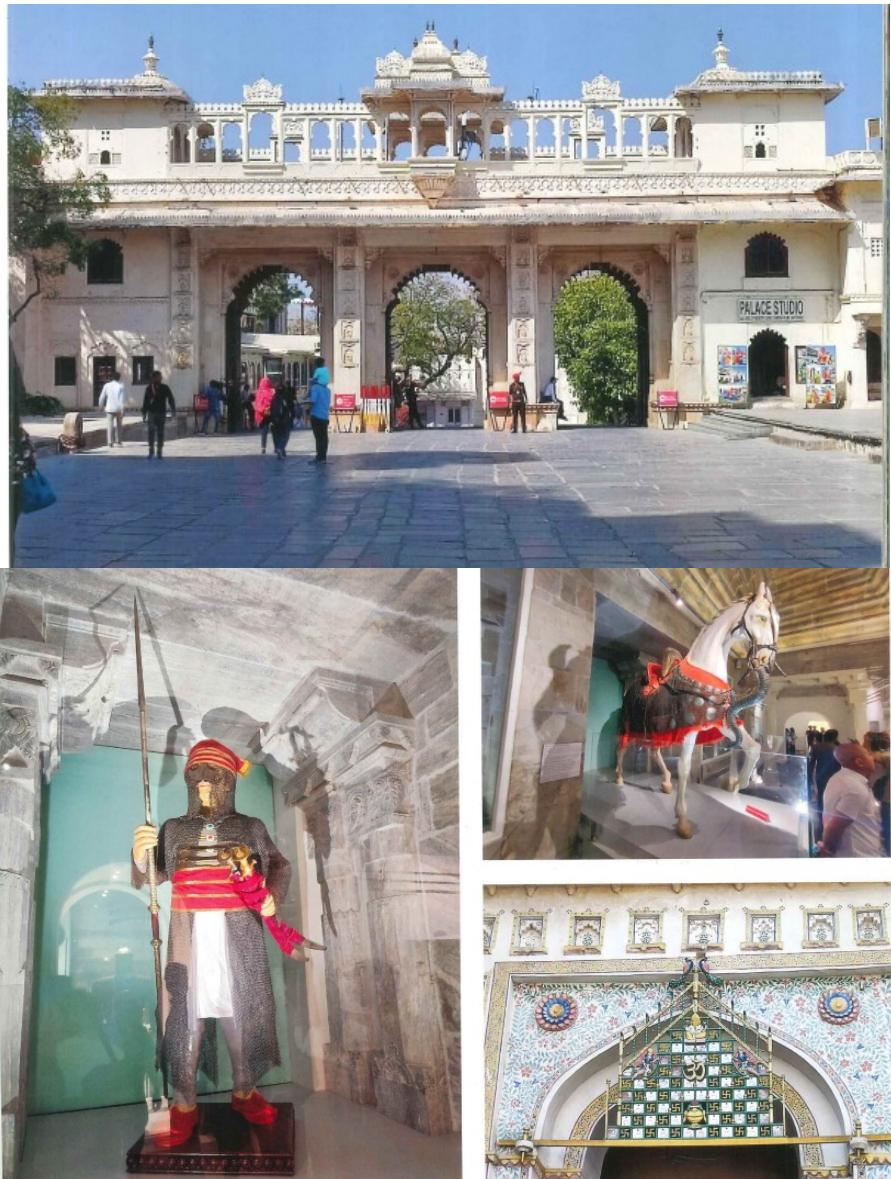
Ganpat University, Department of Maritime Studies visited for interacted with students & staff



Close interactions with Girls & staff team at Raksha Shakti School



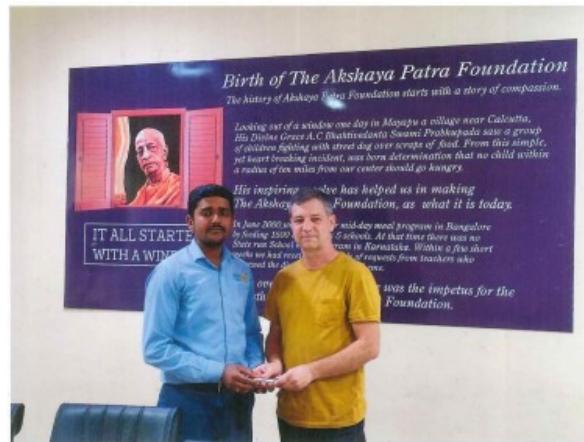
Modhera Surya Kund Temple visited which having mazing sculpture & art designs



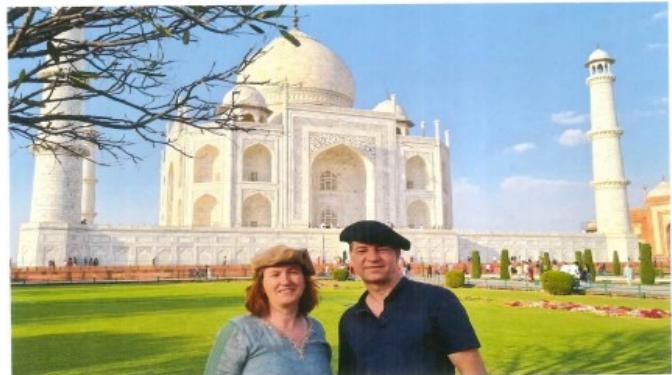
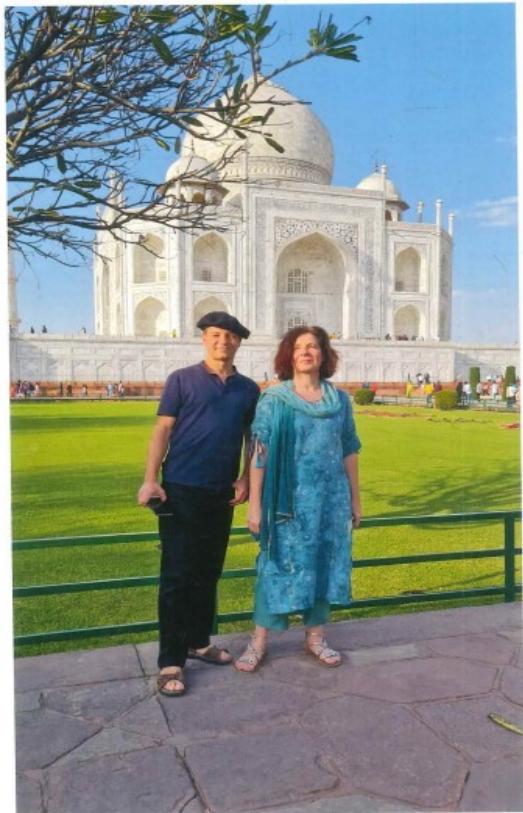
City Palace Udaipur, Rajasthan



Ocean Philanthropic Centre



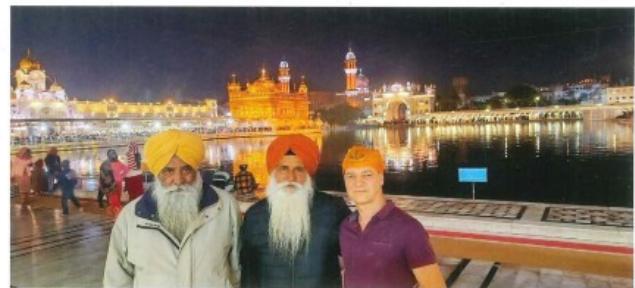
Visited Akshaya Patra Foundation having their own Mega Kitchen serving food to 2M chidrens daily



Visit to Taj Mahal, Agra



Akshardham Temple, Delhi



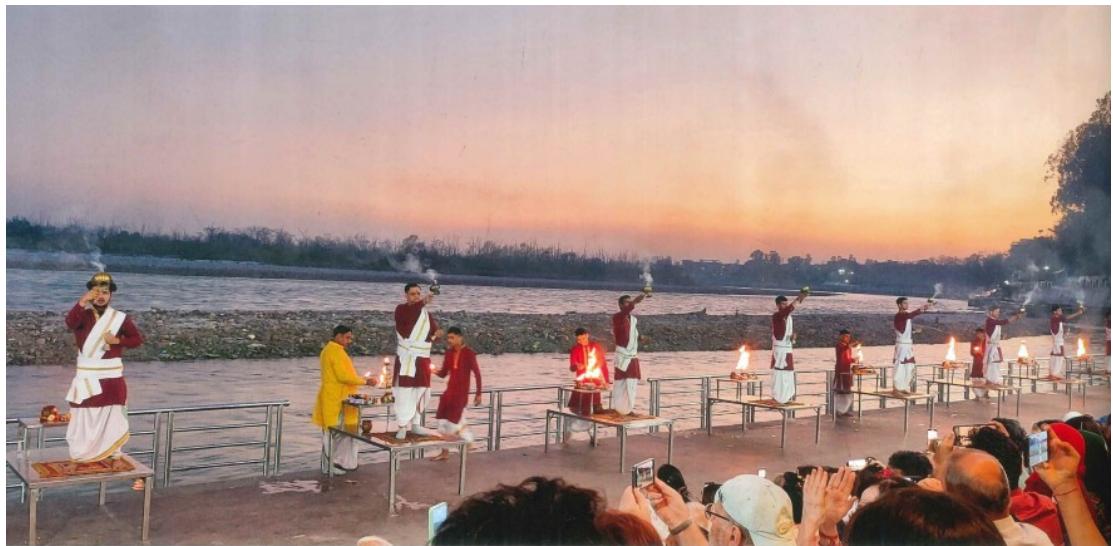
Golden Temple at Amritsar



Visited Dharmashala, Dhaladhar range in Himalayas at 1457m altitude

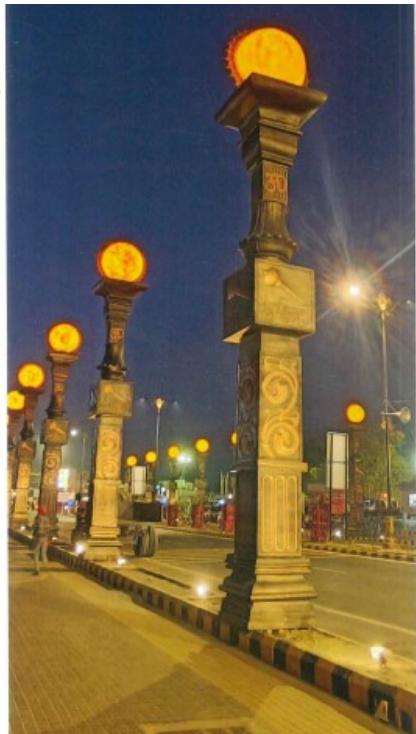


Visit at Shri Chinmaya Tapovan Ashram



At Rishikesh for sacred Ganga Arti & peaceful Parmarth Niketan Ashram

*Ocean Philanthropic Centre*



Visit at Ayodhya for Hanuman Temple & New Shri Ram Mandir

## **Expedition 03: A Spiritual Sojourn Through South India**

### **1. Salient Features:**

- Country: India (South)
- Date: August 15, 2024 – August 30, 2024 (Completed)
- Route: Pondicherry → Rameswaram → Pondicherry
- Duration: 15 Days
- Category: Case Study – Pilot Project
- Project Category: Case Study & Pilot Project
- Expedition Themes–Activities–Events
- Themes: C09 & C10

### **2. Concept:**

Expedition 03 marked the continuation of our journey, building upon the momentum of Expedition 02 that began in Pondicherry. Sail on August 15, 2024, a date rich with significance for India—marking both the country's Independence Day and the birthday of Sri Aurobindo, the founder and spiritual leader of the Sri Aurobindo Ashram in Pondicherry.

The expedition was designed to explore the spiritual and cultural heritage of South India, diving deeper into the historical, religious, and spiritual landscapes that have shaped the region for centuries.

The core objective of Expedition 03 was to continue the exploration of South India's diverse spiritual and cultural traditions, with a focus on visiting key religious sites and engaging with local spiritual leaders.

The journey covered iconic destinations, while emphasizing the deeper connections between the land, its people, and their spiritual practices.

### **3. Objectives:**

Key objectives of the expedition included:

- Building upon the themes from Expedition 02, expanding our understanding of South Indian spiritual practices.
- Engaging with spiritual communities, university leaders, and religious organizations.
- Delving into the intricate cultural heritage of the region and exploring how we can support local communities through HKC's themes

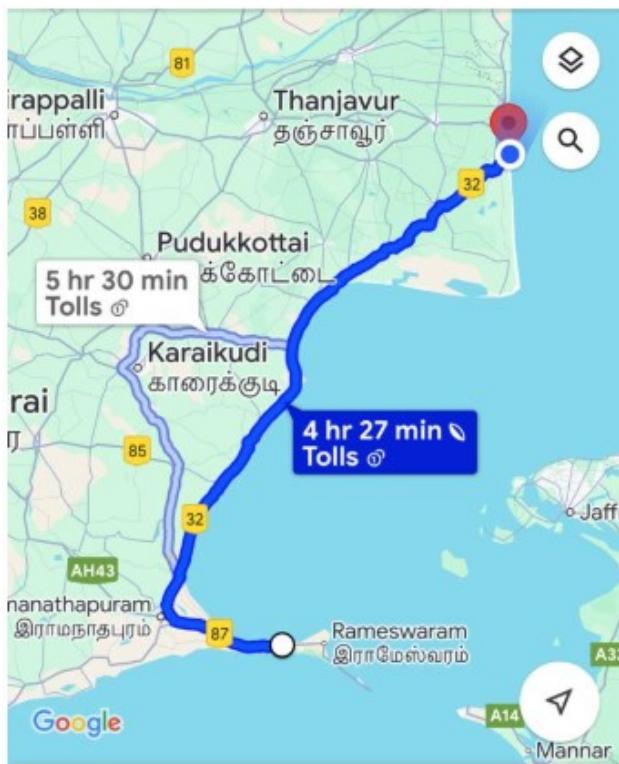
#### **4. Team:**

Vikram Naik

#### **5. General Information:**

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#### **6. Route & Places Visited:**



#### **7. Tie ups & MOU established:**

Team had meaningful discussions for tie ups with institutes, universities, spiritual leader. This discussion are to be taken up in this year 2025 to next level.

#### **8. Impact & Awareness:**

- Experience & Awareness through observation on ancient civilisation
- interaction with University/ Institutes faculty members and meeting scholarly peoples provides understanding of the HKC themes by knowledge sharing

## **9. Essence:**

Expedition 03 was a transformative journey, reconnecting with the spirit of South India. Beginning in the serene Ashram of Pondicherry, we ventured through iconic destinations like Rameswaram, absorbing the region's religious, cultural, and social fabric.

Throughout the journey, the team had meaningful interactions with spiritual leaders, participated in rituals, and visited sacred temples and ashrams.

The expedition reinforced the importance of immersive, respectful exploration and highlighted the potential for HKC to bring about positive change through continued engagement.

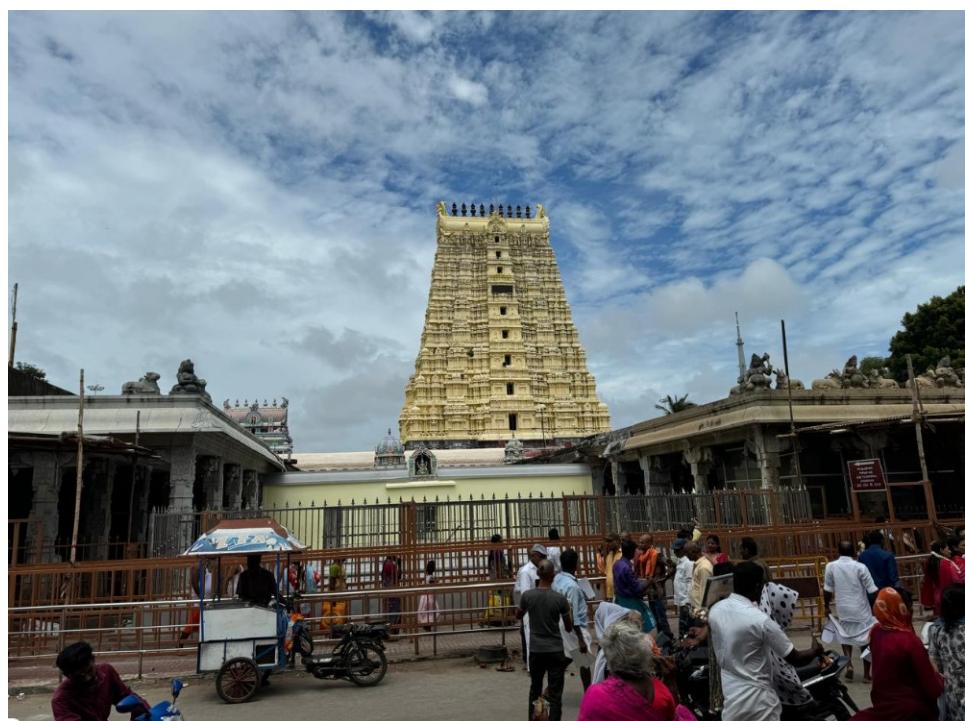
## **10. Photo Galalry: (This section will be updated as per VN input)**



Passing the Baton Ceremony



Rameshwaram Temple



Ocean Philanthropic Centre



Velankini Church

## Expedition 04: A Glance at India's Coastal Areas

### **1. Salient features:**

- Country : India (South to North West)
- Date : Feb 25- Mar 25 (Upcoming)
- Route : Pondicherry – Kanyakumari - Mumbai
- Visit : 19 destinations x 21 days x 2000 **kM**
- Exp Team ( Field) : Participants (7) + Logistics (3) = 10
- Project Cat : Case Study & Pilot Project
- Expedition Themes–Activities–Events
- Themes: (C09 & C10) Ancient Civilisation - Heritage -Cultures and Spirituality (Yoga - Meditation - inner consciousness )

### **2. Concept :**

- This Expedition is planned with members participating from HKC Think Tank – scholars - special invitees to enjoy, experience, observe, participate with other team members through ideas, thoughts, discussions for development of core objectives of HKC as outlined in doctrine placed on the website.
- It is also aimed that Team members get opportunity to explore exclusive destinations and places in line HKC Codes (C09, C10) which is the primary theme of this expedition. Specially, the young generation participant will get opportunity to exhibit their skills.

### **3. Objectives:**

- Expeditions- 04 aims to give philanthropic services by way of activity & events by reference.
- HKC committed to climate change, green energy, environment, Nutrition.
- Rock art, Caves, Ancient Civilisation, Ancient & Current Culture, Art & Museum, Classical Dance, Music, Science & Technology, University & Research Institute, NGOs
- Thus technology, knowledge, collaborations, lectures, interaction, with institutions with scholars, academia along the enroute is solicited by way of sharing of thoughts and interactions with them and some of the Activities and events.

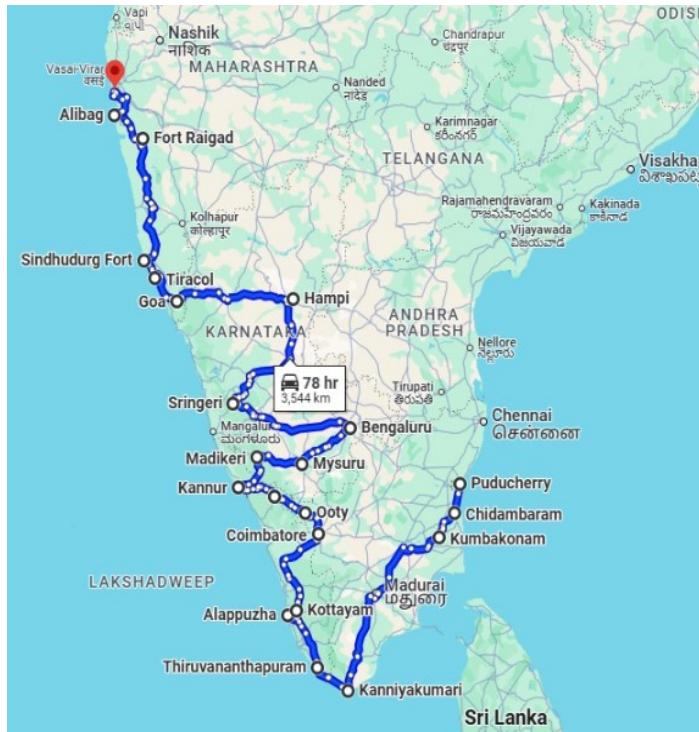
### **4. Teams: (will be updated shortly)**

### **5. General Information**

- HKC Expedition (04) is in continuation of previous Expedition (03) which went from Pondicherry – Kanyakumari – Mumbai

- Exp (04) is scheduled to go from Pondicherry – Kanyakumari – Mumbai. Thereby, it will complete full circle of HKC Expeditions going all around India.

## 6. Route & Places Visited: (Route shown below is tentative & will be updated once finalised)



Pondicherry
Chidambaram
Kumbakonam
Kanyakumari
Trivandrum
Alappuzha
Kottayam
Coimbatore
Ooty
Wayanad
Kannur
Coorg
Mysuru
Bangalore
Sringeri
Goa
Sindhudurg
Raigad
Alibag
Mumbai

## 7. Tie Ups & MOU Established

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## 8. Impact & Awareness:

### 9. Essence:

To brain-storm how we can achieve:

- Giving back to the society (by way of Awareness and Impact) what is visualised through outlined Themes?
- Expedition -04 was to achieve Self-sustainability in terms of the HKC themes, activities and events

## **10. Photo Gallery:**

## **Expedition 05: LA Croseier { Lorient (France) to Mumbai(India)}**

### **1. Salient Features:**

- Country: France to India
- Date: 2026 (Upcoming)
- Route: Loreint → Angola → Mumbai
- Duration: 90 Days
- Category: Case Study – Major Project
- Project Category: Case Study & Major Project
- Expedition Themes–Activities–Events
- Themes: ???

### **2. Concept:**

### **3. Objectives:**

### **4. Teams:**

### **5. General Information:**

### **6. Route & Places visited:**

### **7. Tie ups & MOU Established:**

### **8. Impact & Awareness:**

### **9. Essence:**

### **10. Photo Gallery:**