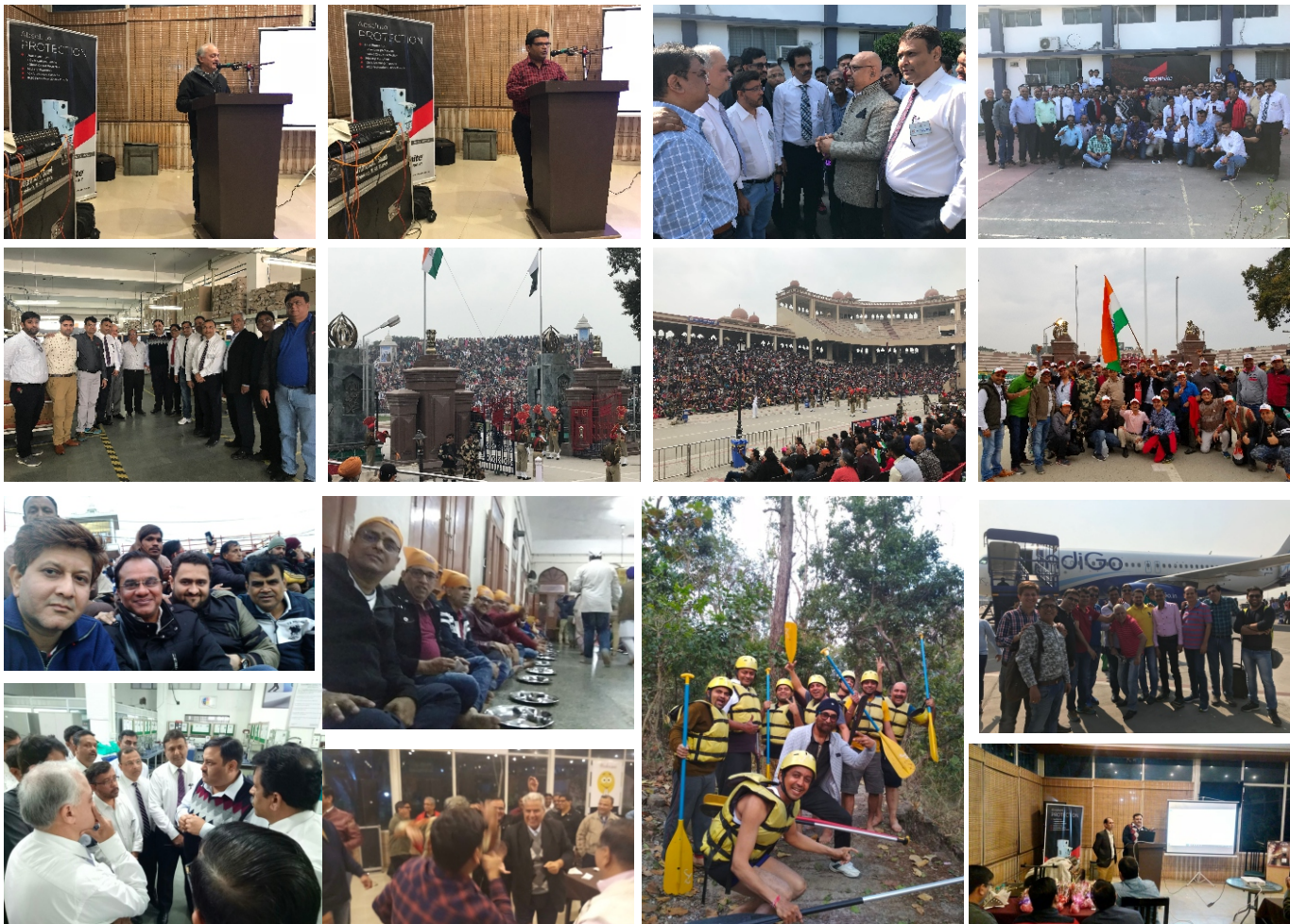


PICNIC TO AMRIRSAR, WAGAH & TECHNICAL VISIT TO HARIDWAR

The Association undertook the annual picnic to **Amritsar** and **Wagah** border and visited the **Greatwhite Global Pvt. Ltd.** factory at **Haridwar**. In all **81 members** enrolled for the trip. As this being the most eagerly awaited event of the years, participating members were excited and eager for the trip to commence.



The touring party left on the **10th of February, 2018**, by **Air** from **Mumbai** and reached **Amritsar** in the afternoon. After a quick check in at **Radisson Blu**, a five star property, members had lunch and then left for the **Jalianwala Baug** memorial. The memorial is created in memory of those hundreds who died while challenging the then British rulers. Members were stunned at the total brutality of the British forces and sympathized with those who faced the bullets and died in the process. The well in which many jumped to escape from the firing moved members into tears.

From there members walked into one of India's most magnificent temples, the **Golden Temple**, the most revered place for the devotees. The stunning site with all its beautiful architecture, the sanctity of the place and holy spirituality prevailing in the temple complex moved the hearts of all. After paying their respects and taking the **holy darshan**, members took a **parikrama** of the complex. Many participated in the langar and stayed behind to participate in the **Palki**.

The hotel had made arrangements for a DJ in the lawns of the hotel. Keeping in mind the low temperatures, the gala nite was moved into one of the banquets. Members enjoyed the music and danced to popular numbers till late in the night. The event ended with a delicious diner.



The next day was the high point of the **Amritsar** leg of the trip. After a heavy breakfast and some time spent in leisure, members left for the **Wagah border** by bus. In order to get the best possible viewing point, members made a dash for the viewing gallery and occupied vintage positions, awaiting the commencement of the ceremony. The atmosphere was electric as patriotic songs were being played on the public system. An officer from the **BSF** encouraged the crowd to cheer and dance with the music. The **Vande Mataram** slogans shouted by those present must have sent deafening sounds across the border gate.

As the parade commandant walked in with his platoon there was unmistakable excitement and euphoria in the crowd. The entire ceremony lasted around forty five minutes and ended with the lowering of the national flag. As the tricolor was being lowered, those present were touched by the solemnity of the occasion. On request we were allowed to pose for a photograph at the gate that divides the two nations. On the return trip members were quiet and were trying to digest what they had just seen. A proud moment for all, seeped in the national spirit and saluting the bravery and patriotism of our soldiers.

On the return the group stopped at **Sadda Pind**, a **village dhaba** which recreated the spirit and life style of a typical **Punjab village**. Members enjoyed the games and rides and enjoyed some delicious Punjabi cuisine. The next day members had an early train to catch and leave for **Haridwar**.

Reaching, Haridwar, members checked in the **Godwin International Hotel** and after a brief rest left for the banks of the Ganges for the famous aarti. On the **13th of February 2018** members visited the **Greatwhite Global Pvt. Ltd.** factory manufacturing **Domestic Switches and Accessories.**

On reaching the factory, members were received by **Mr Kailash Didlani**, Company President, **Mr Chirag Boradia**, General Manager, Sales and **Mr Anuj Grover**, General Manager - Works. The members were divided into three groups and were taken around the factory. As members went through the various production facilities and also the test laboratory, they were impressed by the quality standards and the detailed testing of the various parts that went into the products.

For members it was like returning home. The Anchor group had long been associated with **Lohar Chawl** and **Shri Jadhavjibhai** has deep rooted relations with the electrical trade. The visit was a reconfirmation of this relationship. The simplicity and informal atmosphere during the entire visit was greatly appreciated by all.



The company had arranged a gala nite in the hotel. Before the music and dance, a small presentation was made by **Mr Grover**, highlighting the company history and the product range. In his speech **Mr. Didwani** appreciated the support received by Lohar Chawl and attributed the phenomenal success of the company to the love and encouragement received by EMA members. He further attributed the grand success achieved by the company in such a short span, to the hard work and efforts of the entire **Greatwhite Team.**

In his speech thanking the company for the factory visit, The Chairman of The Picnic & Technical Visit Committee, **Shri Nitin Gandhi** recalled the long standing relationship **Lohar Chawl** had with **Shri Jadhavjibhai** and his group. The group is a shining example of how the right mind set and strong determination can get success and growth. An **Iconic Symbol** for **EMA**. He further assured **Mr Didlani** of continued support to the company. Dignitaries of **Greatwhite** were felicitated by EMA Committee Members. A memento was presented to **Mr. Didlani** by President **Shri Nishel Shah**.



Members left Haridwar for Delhi by bus and finally for Mumbai from Indira Gandhi International Airport.

The Picnic Committee, on behalf of the President and the Managing Committee wishes to thank **M/s Greatwhite Global Pvt. Ltd.** and **M/s Greatwhite Electricals Pvt. Ltd.** for hosting the visiting group at Haridwar. It also wishes to express special gratitude to **Mr. Chirag Boradia**, GM, Sales, for his initiative and effort in organizing this visit. The association also wishes to thank **Mr. Bhavik Parikh** of Essen Enterprises for coordinating this event. It also wishes to thank participating members for their excellent support and cooperation during the trip. Finally it also expresses gratitude to the Almighty for the safe return of the touring party.

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