

Monda~ 1 st Jul~ J 901

We left Udaipur this morning 6 a.m. Friend Ms Fatehlal accompanied us to the station. Singu Buchh Rajji of Jodhpur also came to see us off. Shobhanath our pupil accompanied us as far as Ratlarn [Ratlarn]. We arrived at Chitore159 this evening and are put up at the Hakim or Magistrate's residence, he being absent at Udaipur.

Tuesda~ 2nd Jul~ 1901

We went this morning up the Fort so celebrated in the history of Mewar. With the exception of a few old buildings all the rest had fallen in utter ruin. The triumphal column built by Khumbaji Rana is the best preserved of all the structures. It is beautifully carved from top to bottom. It has nine stories and series of stairs lead one to the top [*sic*]. It was built in AD 1439.

Wednesda~ 3rd Jul~ J 901

The plain on the top of the hill is about three and a half miles in length and in breadth at the broadest part one mile. The building described as the fair Padmini's residence is not worth seeing. Padmini was the daughter of the chief of Poongal near Bikaner. We were shown a subterranean passage in which she was said to have burnt herself. There is not a fortress in the whole of India for the defence of which so much blood has been shed as for the Chitor Fort.

Thursda~ 4th Jul~ 1901

We arrived at Ratlarn at about 12 this noon and we were accommodated at a house near the station. We had a drive round the city and then visited the Dewan Khan Bahadur Cursetji Rustomji C.LE. in the beautiful garden where we had last time put up. Though no rain had fallen here yet, the weather is agreeable.

Frida~ 5th Jul~ 1901

We did not go out today. In the evening a party (deputation) from the Caliti State160 arrived in order to settle the marriage of the Maharaja with H.H. the Rana's daughter. The party was received royally. The ceremony is called here 'Saga' which means betrothal. The Maharaja had appointed to see us this evening but the visit did not take place owing to the arrival of the new guests.

Saturda~ 6th Jul~ 1901

At this morning at 10 we paid a visit to H.H. the Raja Saheb who is a young man of about 23. He is very civil and modest. We drove from the palace direct to the station, we had as our fellow passenger Dr Rambhau Takomkar of Baroda of the Baroda service. He was returning from Naini Tap61 where H.H.

