

**CRITICAL LANGUAGE
SCHOLARSHIP(CLS) PROGRAM
– HINDI 2016**

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WHAT IS CLS?

- language and cultural immersion
- U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs
- www.clscholarship.org

14 languages offered:

- Azerbaijani
- *Urdu
- *Bangla
- Arabic
- *Hindi
- Persian
- Indonesian
- Chinese
- Korean
- Japanese
- *Punjabi
- Russian
- Swahili
- Turkish

*Language-learning site located in India

I CHOSE TO LEARN HINDI TO STRENGTHEN MY
ABILITY TO CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY
MEMBERS.



CLS HINDI 2016



15 undergraduates, 15 graduate/PhD Students



Fourth of July celebration on the AIIS terrace



HOST FAMILY



TYPICAL DAY



Every CLS recipient is required to partake in a cultural activity of their choice while on site.

Several others and I took Bollywood dance lessons at a studio nearby the institute.



शक्ति स्तम्भ (SHAKTI STAMBH)



Aside from required activities and courses, two other students and I volunteered biweekly teaching English (and having lots of fun) at a short-stay home for women and children.

It's name "Shakti Stambh" means "pillar of power" in Hindi. The name reflects their efforts in fighting sexual violence and empowering their residents as independent women.

This experience was definitely the highlight of my time in Jaipur.



BAREFOOT COLLEGE

TILONIA, RAJASTHAN

“The Barefoot College connects rural communities to solar, water, education, professions and advocacy to help communities and individuals take control of their lives and the wellbeing of their communities”

www.barefootcollege.org



The rainwater harvesting system is so effective that the underground water storage unit currently holds enough water to sustain the campus through a four-year drought.

The Barefoot College campus is 100% solar energy powered.





Students are taught to recycle old books, newspapers, etc. into notebooks and other school supplies for children who attend the night school.

Women learn to make their own sanitary pads including reusable/washable menstrual products.



Students also learn to make various handicrafts including woodwork, embroidery, jewelry, clothing etc.

