



**My Youth
Exchange
Journey:
A New Home
Away from
Home :**

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**WITH MY HOST FAMILY
CZECH REPUBLIC.**

My Youth Exchange Journey, A New Home Away from Home :

Leaving my hotel in Bengaluru was an emotional moment for me. I was about to leave my home country, India, which I love deeply. At the Bengaluru airport, my family gave me my final goodbyes, and as I walked into the airport, I felt a mix of emotions, sadness, excitement, and curiosity about what was ahead.

After a long journey through Frankfurt, my excitement grew stronger. I kept thinking about my host family, my new school, and my football journey in Europe. When I arrived at Katowice Airport, the cold weather was my first big surprise, it was very different from what I was used to in India. After collecting my luggage, I stepped outside and saw my host family waiting for me with a beautiful welcome banner. That moment instantly made me feel comfortable and happy. We introduced ourselves, took photos together, and shared smiles, along with my Rotary Club counsellor, Mr. Stanislav Peš.

During the drive from Katowice to Frýdek-Místek, we talked about many things, including football. Through these conversations, I slowly started learning about Czech culture and daily life, which made me even more excited about my stay.

My first school visit was the very next day, on 25th September. I met my Spanish teacher, who was very kind and helped me choose my optional subjects like art or music. On my second day at school, I was introduced to my class, and I was really excited to meet my new friends—Jenda Popelka, Eda, Ondra, Thomas, Ondřej, Honza, Honza Soldan, Vít Carbol, Tobias Basel, Marku, and others. Everyone was friendly and helpful, especially when I needed



support. I truly hope these friendships will stay with me even after I leave Czechia.

From the day I arrived until now, I have enjoyed every moment in this beautiful country. I am still learning, exploring, and growing through the people, culture, and experiences around me.

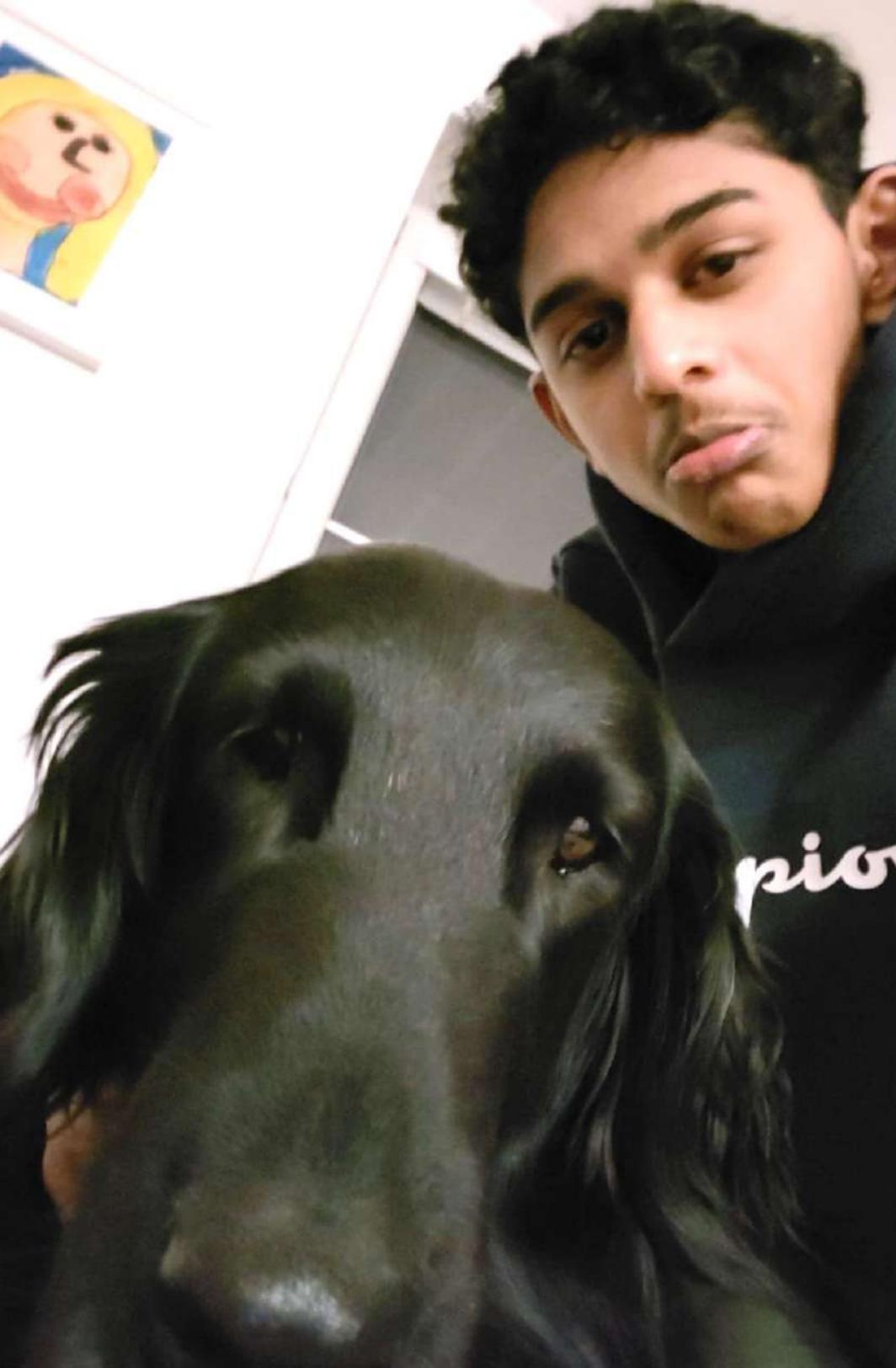
My first host family in the Czech Republic, the Jansysova family, will always hold a very special place in my heart. From the very beginning, dad Daniel and mom Veronika welcomed me not just as an exchange student, but as a part of their family. My host brothers, Jakub made me feel included and supported Albert Albert on his own exchange in the USA.

Their home is filled with warmth and love—shared even by Ebbie, the playful dog who greeted everyone with endless excitement, and Myška, the shy cat who slowly opened her heart to me and became one of my closest companions. In moments of excitement, homesickness, and learning, this family stood by me as my strength and comfort.

They were more than a host family, they were my home, my support system, and the foundation of my Rotary Youth Exchange journey in the Czech Republic. ❤️

I am extremely thankful to Rotary International and the Rotary Club of Coimbatore Satellite for giving me this amazing opportunity. I hope the Youth Exchange Program continues to reach many more students and spreads love, peace, and cultural understanding across the world, showing us that the world is one and that there are good people everywhere. ❤️







“யாதும் ஊரே; யாவரும் கேளிர்.”

“Every place is our home; everyone is our kin.”

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