

Visit to Red Fort

21st February 2023

The Department of History group "A" visited the Red Fort on 21st February, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. The team reached Lal Quila metro station at 10:30 a.m. on 21st February, 2023. The team took an auto to the ticket counter of the red fort entrance. The team went inside the red fort after taking the entry ticket at 11:15. The bags and accessories were submitted in the cloak room.

Our team entered through the "Lahori Gate." We clicked a picture at 11:30 with the team and entered through the gate which had cannons each side. The entrance had a modern scripture on the history of red fort. We then entered the famous Chhata Chowk at 11:50. The Chowk was filled with colourful items piercing our eyes though it's scenic beauty. The bazaar's contained toys, key ring, shawl, bed sheets, statues, spiritual vessels etc. The roof of the Red fort was beautifully decorated. It had an arched passage with 32 arched bays.

We passed through the chowk and entered into the naubat khana sharply at 12:10. The Naubat Khana was the pass way into the Diwan-i-am and Diwan-i-khas. We visited Diwan-i-aam first at 12:25. The Diwan-i-Am, or Hall of Audience, is a room in the Red Fort of Delhi where the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan (1592–1666) and his successors received members of the general public and heard their grievances. We then visited Rang Mahal at 12:45. The building's interior was once richly painted and decorated. Some apartments of this building are called Shish Mahal due to t tiny pieces of mirrors that cover the ceilings.

Through the center of the marble palace, a shallow canal called the Stream of Paradise (Nahr-i-Bihist) flowed into a marble basin carved into the floor. Under the Rang Mahal was a basement (tekhana), which women would use on hot summer days. The next place to visit was "The Diwan-i-khas." It was 1:00 time by our clock. Diwan-i-khas is a chamber in the Red Fort of Delhi built-in 1648 as a location for receptions. It was the location where the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan received courtiers and state guests. It was also known as the Shah Mahal. Our team visited the Moti Masjid at 1:20. The Moti Masjid is a white marble mosque inside the Red Fort complex in Delhi, India. Located to the west of the Hammam and close to the Diwan-i-Khas.

We went towards the Salimgarh Fort at 1:40 but entry was not allowed thus we just had a scanic view of its outward architecture. We also visited the Red fort baoli. It was also restricted but our team entered the site after asking the CISF unit nearby. We finally visited the museums in the red fort. It was a weary day under the scorching heat. Our team was tired and hungry thus we visited the Red fort canteen. We had our food visited the Red Fort mela. The day was full of discovery and intellectual learning. We took metro at nearly 2:14 p.m. and went out destinations. A round 55 students participated.

