



REPORT ON GANDHI SMRITI WALK



On 18th January 2018, 31 students and two teachers of Senior Secondary department of the school went to Gandhi Smriti to join a walk commemorating the 70th Anniversary of Gandhiji's Death Anniversary on an invite by Prof. Apoorvananda.

AN OVERVIEW

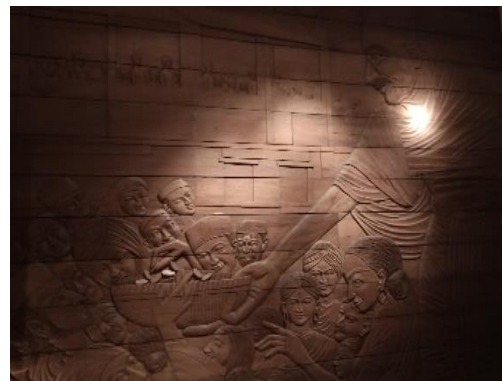
Gandhi Smriti, housed in the Old Birla House on 5, Tees January Marg, New Delhi, is the sacred place where Mahatma Gandhi's epic Life came to an end on 30 January 1948. Mahatma Gandhi had lived in this house from 9 September 1947 to 30 January 1948. Thus, the hallowed house treasures many memories of the last 144 days of his life. The Old Birla House was taken over by the Government of India in 1971 and was converted into a National Memorial for the Father of the Nation and was opened to the public on August 15, 1973.

PURPOSE OF THE WALK

The main objective of the walk was to propagate the life, mission and thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi. It commemorated the 70th anniversary of his death. One of the main objectives was to introduce the students to the Gandhian philosophy and values and spread awareness on the life and message spread by Mahatma Gandhi.

THE WALK

As the students were first led to the historical monument of Gandhiji they were caught in a sense of déjà vu and shown an animated film depicting the scene of Gandhiji's Assassination which left the students in a state of bewilderment as to why a revered personality like Gandhiji was shot so ruthlessly. After a momentary silence the students were led to an exhibition displaying life of Mahatma Gandhi and his messages through beautiful quotes. After exiting the place they traced his footsteps to the point where he was shot and learnt that his last words were 'Hey Ram' before he was shot 3 time at a point blank range on 30 January 1948.



FROM MOHANDAS TO MAHATMA

On January 18th 1948, the deeply loved Bapu or as the world acknowledge him now – Mahatma Gandhi broke his fast unto death at the Birla House .

The purpose of the fast was the same as his purpose for life: to spread the message of peace, harmony and brotherhood, not only to the Hindus and Muslims but the whole world.

Gandhiji. cannot be called dead in a true sense as he continues to live through his valuable and relevant principles, ideals and his real life incidents which prove that he 'practiced what he preached'. He had lived at Gandhi Smriti to make peace between the Hindus and Muslims until he was assassinated on 30th January by Nathuram Godse. The name of the road on which this Memorial is situated is called 30 January Marg because of this reason only. It was our proud privilege to be guided by the famous historian Mr. Sohail Hashmi. The Dastaan-e-Gohi by Mr. M.Farookhi and Ms. Poonam wherein the story of Ms. Kidwai, a Muslim woman who took inspiration from Mahatma and served in refugee camps was narrated in an enticing manner and gave a insight into Gandhiji's life and ideas. . It reflected the essential value of servitude and humanity.

ACHIEVEMENT OF THE WALK

The walk not only told us about Gandhiji's contribution in the freedom struggle but it also told us how he lived up to his principles of being punctual, helping anyone and everyone whenever possible, living in simplicity and respecting all the people with love and affection irrespective of their religious affiliations. We learned about our father of the nation in a new perspective.



LEARNING OUTCOME

Mr.Sohail Hashmi was an excellent speaker who explained to the students ,Gandhiji's values and their relevance today as the students of today are to shape India's tomorrow...safe,secure and adaptive to changes with technology and diversities.

Technique of Dastaan-e-Gohi to narrate the stories was an interesting way of learning.

Value of time and time management : When the students were told how Gandhiji took the route through the French window instead of the door just to save a total of 15 seconds, it reflected the value for time and the students realised and reflection the importance of time management in the lives especially during examination time.

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