

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
SHYAM LAL COLLEGE

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ACADEMIC YEAR (2017-2018)

A two day educational trip to Indian Institute of Advance Studies, Shimla, from 29.03.2018 to 31.03, 2018.

History Department, SLC had organized an educational trip to Indian Institute of Advance Studies (IIAS), Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. The aim of the trip was to acquaint student about this important hill station which was the summer capital of British India and visit IIAS from where important decision were taken. 58 students accompanied by the 4 faculties joined this three Night and two-day educational trip to Shimla and Kufri between 29.03.2018 to 31.03, 2018. The trip involved travel by Train and Bus. At Simla, the students witnessed the Indian Institute of Advanced Studies (IIAS) heritage building which had been the Vice Regal lodge during the Colonial period and had been the seat from where historic decisions were taken during Indian Independence Movement. For example it was told that Simla Accord of 1914, Simla Conference of 1945 and the decision of Partition of India was taken at the IIAS building. In Post-Independence period, Simla Agreement of 1972 was signed between Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, President of Pakistan and Prime Minister of India, Mrs. Indra Gandhi at Simla. The students were familiarized of the Indo-Gothic architectural style in which the IIAS heritage building was made. Apart from the appreciation of the historical importance of the place, comprehensive sightseeing and visit to nearby landmark places like the mall road, the ridge, Christ Church, the Jakhu Temple were main features of the trip. The visitors enjoyed local marketing of mainly of woodcraft, leatherworks, woolen garments, shawls and embroidery. The students also saw the Simla-Kalka

Railway line which was built by British that has been declared a UNESCO world heritage site. Excursion to Kufri was also the main attractions of the trip. The visitors also acquainted themselves with the surrounding flora comprising mainly of Pine, Oak, Deodar and Rhododendron. They also noted the surrounding environmental degradation due to heavy tourist inflow and water scarcity at this hill station. Students enjoyed various recreational activities during their stay. They familiarize themselves with the hilly terrain and salubrious climate of Himachal which rejuvenated them thoroughly.



