

Report on the Visit of St. Xavier's Institute of Education to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya



On 20th March 2024, the first year students of St. Xavier's Institute of Education had the opportunity to visit the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, previously known as the Prince of Wales Museum. The purpose of the visit was to explore the rich history and cultural heritage preserved within the museum's walls. The visit to the museum was organized by their classmate Madhavan Nadar. The group left post-lunch and entered the museum by 2 pm after purchasing tickets and completing all the formalities like roll call, bag collection, checking.

The museum had an ongoing exhibition on the ancient sculptures, it incorporated various sculptures from Greek, Roman, Egyptian civilization which were portrayed in comparison with the pictures of the sculptures from the Indian subcontinent. This exhibition was the major highlight of the museum. The ground floor also

encompassed the Jain and Buddhist gallery with exhibited unique collection from both these religions. The museum also had a section of Natural history, which was a fascinating section that captivated the students' attention. They encountered a diverse range of taxidermy specimens, showcasing the incredible biodiversity of the region. The students learned about the different species and their habitats, gaining a deeper understanding of the natural world. The museum shop was a delightful place where students could find unique souvenirs and mementos. They had the opportunity to browse through a wide selection of books, replicas, and artworks inspired by the exhibits. It was a great chance for them to take home a piece of the museum's history. The students were also mesmerized by the magnificent paintings, sculptures, and artifacts on display. Especially the mummy that was on display was a wow factor for all. The art and crafts, including the jewellery, pot sheds, toys and bricks and burial system of the Indus Valley civilization was an educational experience for the students of history. It was a wonderful opportunity for the students to appreciate the artistic heritage of the region.

The visit to the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya was an enriching experience for the students of St. Xavier's Institute of Education. They gained valuable insights into the history, culture, and natural heritage of the region. The museum provided a platform for them to explore and appreciate the art and artifacts of the past from various perspectives and angles. The visit ended by 4:10 pm.

