

ITIHAAS EXCAVATION TOUR - PURANA QUILA

“Archaeology holds all the keys to understanding who we are and where we come from.”

The students of class XI visited Purana Quila as a part of the ITIHAAS Excavation Tour, on 13th April 2023. Their arrival at the fort was met with an appraisal program by Dr. Vasant Kumar Swarnkar, Director of the renowned excavations at Purana Quila, New Delhi, where he shared essential knowledge behind the history of the site, the importance and nature of archaeological processes, the timeline identification of excavated materials, and their preservation and documentation processes involved in the Excavation Project.

The students, then visited the excavation sites spread throughout the Fort grounds, and were educated on the significance of the nature of the excavated material- to identify their dynastical and utility origins. Afterwards, they were shown and encouraged to discuss, debate and ask about the nature of archived materials such as seals, coins, terracotta toys, pottery, old beads, amulets based on the information shared by the tour organisers and archaeologists-in-charge.

This was followed by a visit to the Qila- I- Kunha, after which an enrichment session on the daily lives, entertainment and commerce controlled by the people over the past 2500 years, was conducted. The educational trip to the multi- cultural site of Purana Quila, opened up a new vision of modern archaeology to the students.

The visit was a stimulating and prolific experience for the young learners.

