



THE LAWRENCE SCHOOL, SANAWAR

FIELD TRIP

Outstation visit to The Viceroy's Lodge Shimla.

Date: 2 August, 2026

Location: Shimla

Subject: The British Legacy.



ACTIVITY: A visit to the Viceroy's Lodge Shimla.

On 2nd August 2026, 11th grade History students visited the Viceroy's Lodge in Shimla. The visit was highly informative, providing insights into the British legacy and significant decisions made in the building, such as those related to the Partition of India and the Shimla Conference of 1945.

The tour helped students appreciate the architectural grandeur of the Lodge and its role in India's colonial history. This experience significantly broadened their understanding of Indian history, making their classroom learning more tangible and impactful. The group of students was accompanied by Mr. R. S. Randhawa (History teacher) & Ms. Anju Bahgel (Pol Science teacher).

LEARNING OBJECTIVE:

During the visit to the Viceroy's Lodge in Shimla, students aimed to gain a comprehensive understanding of British colonial administration in India, particularly the role of the Viceroy and the significance of Shimla as the summer capital. The tour provided insights into key historical events, such as the Simla Conference of 1945 and the discussions leading to India's partition. Students also explored the architectural style of the Lodge and its reflection of the colonial era, while reflecting on the long-term impacts of British rule on India's socio-political landscape and the ethical considerations surrounding colonialism.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. Historical Insight: Students will understand the significance of the Viceroy's Lodge as a central location in the British colonial administration and key events, including the Simla Conference of 1945 and its role in India's path to independence.
2. Architectural Appreciation: Students will be able to analyze and appreciate the Victorian architectural style of the Lodge and its reflection of colonial aesthetics and practices.
3. Critical Reflection: Students will reflect on the lasting impacts of British colonial rule on India's political and social landscape, developing a nuanced understanding of the complexities involved in the transition to independence.

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