

Report

Heritage Walk to Feroz Shah Kotla Fort

Dharohar – The Heritage Society of the Department of History, Mata Sundri College for Women, University of Delhi, organised a heritage walk to Feroz Shah Kotla Fort on 1 November 2025. The heritage walk was organised as an initiative to encourage students to engage with Delhi's rich historical landscape and to develop a deeper understanding of its architectural and cultural heritage through direct engagement with a historical site.

Feroz Shah Kotla Fort, located in the heart of Delhi, is an important monument associated with the history of the Tughlaq period. The site, established by Firoz Shah Tughlaq in the fourteenth century, forms an important part of Delhi's medieval heritage and provides an opportunity to understand the historical development of the city through its surviving architectural remains.

The heritage walk offered students an opportunity to move beyond the classroom and engage with history through the physical remains of the past. Exploring a historical monument in its spatial and architectural context enables students to relate their academic study of Delhi's history with its material heritage. Such field-based learning also encourages students to observe monuments, architectural features and historical spaces critically and understand how the past continues to shape the contemporary city.

The walk was open to students of BA Programme History Major (all years) and BA History (Hons.) GE students of the first year. The initiative thus brought together students from different academic levels with an interest in history and heritage. Through participation in the walk, students had the opportunity to experience an important historical site and appreciate the significance of heritage conservation and historical interpretation.

The organisation of the heritage walk also reflects the efforts of Dharohar – The Heritage Society in creating opportunities for experiential learning and fostering an interest in Delhi's historical and architectural heritage. Heritage walks serve as an important complement to classroom teaching by allowing students to encounter historical spaces directly and to develop a more nuanced understanding of the relationship between history, architecture and the urban environment.

The event was organised under the guidance of Dr. Priyanka Chanama Sahni, Convenor, and Dr. Simmi Kapoor Mehta, Teacher In-charge, with the support of Prof. Harpreet Kaur, Principal, Mata Sundri College for Women.

The heritage walk to Feroz Shah Kotla Fort was a meaningful academic and educational initiative, providing students with an opportunity to connect their study of history with Delhi's tangible heritage. It reinforced the importance of field-based learning in developing historical awareness and appreciation for the preservation of the city's diverse heritage.