



REPORT

Heritage Walk to Old Delhi

Date: Thursday, 13th February 2025, 9 AM onwards

Venue: Old Delhi (Jama Masjid to Red Fort)

Event Type: Educational Visit

Mode of Activity: Offline

Target Group: Students of SOAD (BFA, B.Arch, B.ID)

Coordinators: Dr. Koustav Nag, Ar. Akanksha Singh, Ar. Nandit Pastariya, Ar. Divyani Pahwa

Organized by: School of Architecture and Design

Number of Participants: 35

The **School of Architecture and Design (SOAD)**, successfully organized a **Heritage Walk to Old Delhi on February 13, 2025** coordinated by Dr. Koustav Nag, Ar. Akanksha Singh, Ar. Nandit Pastariya and Ar. Divyani Pahwa. This initiative was specifically designed for **1st-year Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA), 1st-year Bachelor of Architecture (B.ARCH), and 3rd & 4th-year Bachelor of Interior Design (B.ID) students**, providing them with an immersive learning experience that bridged theoretical knowledge with practical applications in architecture, design, and heritage conservation.

The walk traced the historic route from **Jama Masjid to Red Fort**, allowing students to explore Old Delhi's rich cultural legacy and its impact on contemporary architectural practice. This initiative held particular significance for subjects like **History of Architecture**, where students had studied different eras, construction techniques, and cultural influences. Walking through these monuments gave them a firsthand understanding of Mughal-era urban planning, material use, and craftsmanship—elements that had been foundational to their curriculum.

From a **design perspective**, the walk focused on **adaptive reuse**, a crucial topic in modern architectural practice. Students analyzed how heritage structures had been preserved and repurposed to meet modern needs while maintaining their historical integrity. Observing real-life examples of restoration, conservation, and adaptation deepened their comprehension

of sustainable design approaches and the challenges faced in integrating old structures with contemporary functions.

Beyond academics, this walk broadened students' professional outlook, offering insights into how heritage conservation influenced present-day urban development. By critically analyzing these historic spaces in relation to modern design, space planning, and urban renewal, students cultivated a holistic perspective on architecture—one that respected history while embracing innovation.

The Heritage Walk was not just about exploring Old Delhi's glorious past but also about nurturing intellectual curiosity and fostering a deeper appreciation for architectural heritage and its relevance in today's world.

Photographs:



Photo 1: Students of BFA, B.Arch and B.ID with faculty coordinators Dr. Koustav Nag, Ar. Akanksha Singh, Ar. Nandit Pastariya, Ar. Divyani Pahwa at Red Fort



Photo 1: Getting insights on Ghalib ki Haweli



Photo 2: Group photograph

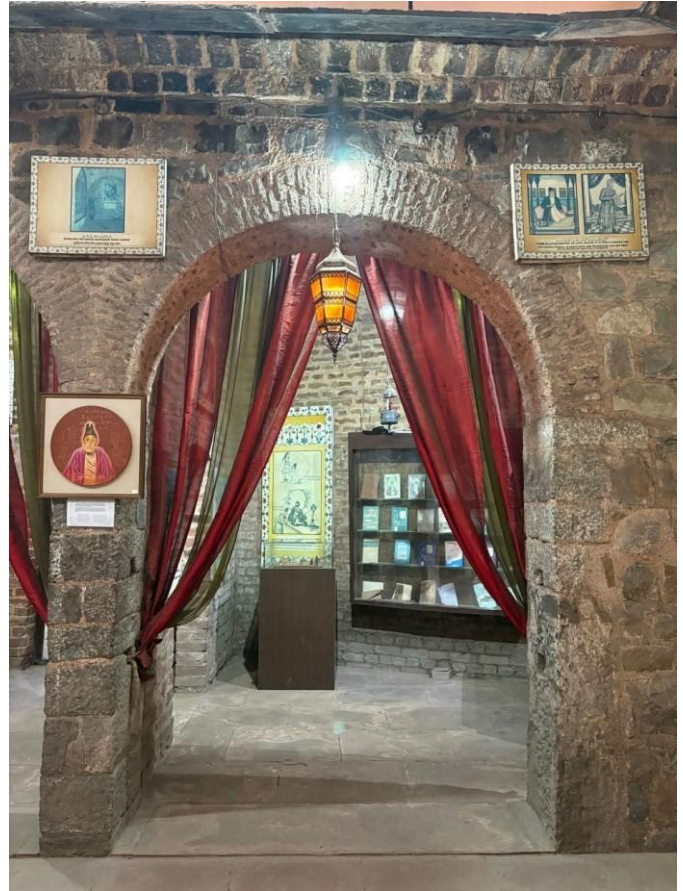


Photo 3 and 4 : Students exploring the historical monuments