



## **REPORT ON HERITAGE WALK**

### **VISIT TO KASHMERE GATE**

**DATE** : 26 NOVEMBER 2016

**VISITED BY** : CLASS VIII, ITL PUBLIC SCHOOL

**ORGANISED BY** : ITIHAAS GROUP

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**ITL Public School** in collaboration with team **ITIHAAS**, pioneer in **Heritage Education**, organized an educational trip for the students of Class VIII, to one of the most symbolic and historic gates of Delhi, **KASHMERE GATE** on **26 November 2016**.

The walk started with students being taken to **NICHOLSON MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN CEMETERY**, a cemetery made by the British to bury the dead Brigadier General John Nicholson, who led to suppress the Revolt of 1857 and lost his life. As soon as they reached the site, the members of the ITIHAAS group took over and briefed the students. They were taken around the cemetery and shown the tombs of the British and their kin who ruled India before Independence. Intrigued by the history of the place, the students asked many interesting questions.

The students jostled with excitement as they embarked on their visit to the famous **Kashmere Gate**; the entry gate to old Delhi, once called as **Shahjahanabad**, located near ISBT & Red Fort. Once a magnificent gate surrounded by a moat, the Gate stood today, marred by the cannon marks narrating its own tale of valiance. The resource person and the founder Director of the organization, **ITIHAAS**, **Ms. Smita Vats** enlightened everyone about the importance of the gate from where the British had attacked the Indians during the Mutiny of 1857. Deeply fascinated by its history, the students felt enthused as they were apprised about the gruesome violence that had erupted around this gate. The students were divided into two groups and were asked to recreate the scene of mutiny of 1857 by writing slogans as the mutineers.

The last spot in the itinerary was the old building of the most prestigious college of Delhi, **St. Stephens**, made by the British. Here, the students were informed about the different architectural marvel of the Mughals and the British.

The young ITLeens explored each and every place with a very inquisitive mind. The Excursion ended with a promise to value and preserve the rich heritage of India.



