

## Grade XII visit to Indira Gandhi Memorial Museum

Grade XII students of Political Science visited the Indira Gandhi Memorial Museum on 18 July 2017. The museum offers a great visual experience of all that they study in the curriculum in the subject.

The museum is under the care of Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust which protects and preserves the legacy of Indira Gandhi from Nehru to Rajiv Gandhi. The erstwhile residence of Indira Gandhi, today is a pictorial journey through the political life of Indira Gandhi with vivid glimpses of her personal life shared with her family in that very residence. Visuals in form of newspaper articles, photographs and relics, of landmark events and experiences portray various hues of her charismatic personality. She led the nation to a position of significant importance on the global level. From her diplomatic efforts to initiate ties with other countries, to policies for national development have rightly earned her the title of '*Iron lady of India*'. The chilling sight of her blood stained saree (one worn by her at the time of her assassination) carefully preserved in specially made glass chamber gives an insight into the brutality of the act. Similarly, the photographs of Rajiv Gandhi from childhood till his assassination reflect how destiny's powerful hands cut short a promising life.



It was a learning that went well beyond the text book as well as the subject. As a student of Political Science, an insight into this phase of India's political history will come a long in developing a better understanding of what is in the best interest of the nation.