

FIELD VISIT REPORT: NIZAM MUSEUM, PURANI HAVELI

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A group of 167 students of Grade VII from AMS P. Obul Reddy Public School visited the Nizam Museum, Purani Haveli, Hyderabad, on 21 July 2026. The educational field visit was organised to help students explore the rich history and cultural heritage of the erstwhile Hyderabad State. The visit provided an engaging learning experience by connecting classroom lessons with historical artefacts and architectural heritage.

The museum, located within the historic Purani Haveli, houses an impressive collection of objects that once belonged to the Nizams of Hyderabad. One of the main attractions was the **world-famous six-metre-long wooden wardrobe**, believed to be one of the longest in the world. Students were fascinated by its unique design and historical significance. They also viewed the **golden throne, silver ceremonial chairs, ivory-inlaid furniture, crystal and porcelain collections**, and beautifully crafted **silverware** used by the royal family.

During the visit, students learned about the contributions made by the Nizams of Hyderabad in the development of science and technology. They discovered that **Mir Mahbub Ali Pasha (Sixth Nizam)** introduced several reforms in education, healthcare, and public welfare. **Mir Osman Ali Khan (Seventh Nizam)** established iconic institutions such as Osmania University, the Hyderabad High Court, and Osmania General Hospital, besides constructing important bridges across the Musi River. Students also learned that he generously contributed to India's

National Defence Fund during the **1962 Indo-China War**. His vision and philanthropy have left a lasting legacy in Hyderabad's history, architecture, and education.

Another highlight of the visit was the display of the personal belongings of the Nizams, including clothing, gifts, manuscripts, and decorative artefacts. Students admired the intricate craftsmanship and gained insights into the luxurious lifestyle and artistic traditions of the period. The magnificent architecture of Purani Haveli, with its spacious courtyards, elegant arches, and heritage interiors, further enhanced their appreciation of Hyderabad's historical legacy.

The field visit proved to be both educational and enjoyable. It helped students understand the importance of preserving historical monuments and cultural artefacts while developing an appreciation for India's rich heritage. The visit to the Nizam Museum inspired curiosity about the history of Hyderabad and encouraged students to value the contributions of museums in protecting the nation's cultural treasures. The experience was memorable, informative, and enriched their understanding of the past beyond the classroom.