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Report: Visit to Soneri Mahal, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar

Date: 24/11/2024.

Time: 7 am to 11 am

Location: Soneri Mahal, Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University campus Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar.

Participants: MIT Heritage Club Students 102, Faculties (Dr. P.R. Awsarmal, Mr Vicky Agarwal, Dr. Rahul Agrawal, Prof. Shruti Chitnis, and Dr. Parag Pande)



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**Introduction:**

As part of the MIT Heritage Club's efforts to promote cultural awareness and appreciation, a group of students and faculties visited the historic Soneri Mahal in Aurangabad. This report summarizes the key highlights of the visit.

**About Soneri Mahal:**

Soneri Mahal, also known as the "Golden Palace," is a 17th-century palace built during the Mughal era. The palace is renowned for its stunning architecture, intricate designs, and rich history.



**Observations and Insights:**

During the visit, the group observed the following:

1. **Architectural Marvel:** The palace's architecture is a blend of Mughal and Rajput styles, featuring intricate carvings, ornate ceilings, and beautifully designed windows.
2. **Historical Significance:** The group learned about the palace's history, including its construction during the reign of Aurangzeb and its subsequent use as a royal residence.
3. **Conservation Efforts:** The group observed the ongoing conservation efforts aimed at preserving the palace's structural integrity and restoring its original grandeur.

**Faculties' Insights:**

The accompanying faculties shared their expertise and insights, providing a deeper understanding of the palace's historical and cultural significance. Dr. P.R. Awsarmal highlighted the importance of preserving cultural heritage sites like Soneri Mahal. Dr. Rahul Agrawal discussed the architectural styles and influences evident in the palace's design. Prof. Shruti Chitnis shared her knowledge of the palace's history and significance, while Dr. Parag Pande provided insights into the conservation efforts underway.

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**Conclusion:**

The visit to Soneri Mahal was an enriching experience for the MIT Heritage Club students and faculties. The group gained a deeper appreciation for the palace's historical and cultural significance, as well as the importance of preserving cultural heritage sites. The visit served as a valuable learning experience, highlighting the need for continued conservation efforts to protect India's rich cultural heritage.

