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We had our second terminal holidays. We made use of these vacations to see places of historical importance with our teacher. We hired a bus. First we went to the Qutb. It is now a building of five stories. Two of its upper stories had been brought down. It was built by QUTB-UD-DIN, the first slave king of India. We admired the architectural beauty of the building. We went up the highest story and watched how the people below looked small like dwarfs. We also saw the iron pillar nearby. It is known as King Chandra's pillar. It is more than two thousand years old. Next we went to see the carvings of Hindu gods and goddesses on stone slabs. We were really surprised to see the wooden slabs changing into stone.

From the Qutb we went to Tughlagabd. Here an old city of Delhi, founded by Tughlaq Kings, was once situated. Now it lies in ruins. Then we proceeded to Hauz Khas which were the residence of kings. We relaxed for some time in the green lawns. We have our lunch here and refreshed ourselves with tea.

Next we went to Humayun's Tomb where Emperor Humayun lies buried. We appreciated the Mughal art and architecture. There are graves of the Mughals nearby. Our next place to visit was Kotla Feroz Shah. Feroz Shah Bahadur's tomb and a mosque are built in it. This place is known for the Asoka pillar which was brought from Meerut. Next we saw there in of Old Fort. It was started by human but was completed by Sher Shah Suri.

At the end we went to the Red Fort. It is a fine building of majestic grandeur. We entered the Red Fort. There we saw Diwani-I-Khas. It shows the architectural taste of the great Mughal Empire Shah Jahan. The glory of the ancient ages is writ large on its face. We visited the museum inside the fort. Many things of historical values are displayed here. We learnt a lot from the visit and eagerly desired to have another educational tour of Delhi.