

Awadh's icons charm delegates on heritage visit

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Lucknow: The monuments of Awadh's golden era charmed the G20 delegates on Tuesday. Different groups of the delegates paid a visit to the Residency, Bada Imambara, Chhota Imambara and Rumi Gate complex to get a feel of the era of nawabs.

The guided tour also included the story of how the Bada Imambara came up and the largesse of Nawab Asaf-ud-daulah impressed the visitors from different countries.

Historians have recorded that the Bada Imambara was made to give relief to famine hit residents of Awadh.

The architectural marvels of Bhul-Bhulaiya and Shahi Baoli also amused the delegates, especially who had studied architecture.

The groups were also taken to the Residency which is a witness of Awadh's rebellion against the British rule. Various Indian and British historians have noted how the common residents of Awadh led by various leaders kept the Residency under siege for over 180 days with their grit and guerilla warfare methods.

The delegates also felt amazed to know that India had preserved graves inside the Residency, a promise made by the then government to the partying rulers. Clicking selfies and capturing moments with smile and amusement, many delegates gathered memories of a lifetime. Some of them jotted down their experience in the visitors' book and noted how overwhelmed they felt upon seeing the gothic structures.



HERITAGE WALK: Foreign delegates visited The Residency, Bada Imambara and other heritage marvels in Lucknow on Tuesday