

## **JAYPEE PUBLIC SCHOOL, NOIDA**

### **EXCURSION TO INDIAN AIR FORCE MUSEUM**

The students of classes IV to VIII of Jaypee Public School, Noida were taken for an excursion to the Indian Air Force Museum located at the Palam Air Force Station, New Delhi on 15 April 2017.

The purpose of the excursion was to provide the students with an “on field experience” of the important role played by the Indian Air Force in the history of our nation. The Air Force Museum has a rich collection of memorabilia of Indian military aviation and an extensive display of the history of the Indian Air Force.

The museum has an annexe and a hangar. The annexe, is divided into three sections. The first section portrays a photographic history of the Air Force. The two other sections boast of some magnificent portraits arranged in two Galleries. On display there are paintings and equipment that was used by Indian Fighter Pilots to locate the enemy during war. Many instruments like ground cameras and air cameras are preserved there and offer an interesting insight into the war fighting equipment.

The gallery leads to a hangar that exhibits small aircraft. The larger aircraft are parked outside the hangar. The aircraft were real and once were the cutting edge of Indian Air Force. Though phased out, they still looked magnificent. The children were very excited to witness the real fighter and transport planes. The outdoor gallery also had war trophies, radar equipment and captured enemy vehicles.

The excursion was a novel learning experience for the children, as they were introduced to aircraft and armoury associated with the rich history of the Indian Air force. It was a perfect combination of learning with enjoyment.