

Rohtas fort overwhelms probationer IAS officers

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DEHRI ON SONE: When seven probationer Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers of the state cadre set foot on Rohtasgarh fort on Monday, a history was created. The visit by the IAS officers to the fort, which was once known as zonal headquarters of Maoist Sone-Ganga-Vindhyachal zone, sent a message that peace now prevailed on the Kaimu plateau.

Thanks to results bearing out of community policing and 'operation vishwas' of Rohtas police and CRPF, the fort has now been included in the itinerary of the probationer IAS officers.

Superintendent of police (SP) Manu Maharaj, who doubled up as guide to probationer IAS officers—Rahul, Dinesh, Alok,



■ Probationer IAS officers at Rohtas Fort on Monday.

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Mahender, Tyagrajan, Mithilesh and Nilesh—said the officers were overwhelmed to see the ancient fort and the scenery around.

After being informed by Maharaj that the fort had its past in Rohitashva, son of famous Sun dynasty king

Harishchandra, and it played an important and decisive role in the history of ancient, medieval and modern India due to its strategic location, inapproachability and unparallel strength, the officers looked each and every corner of the impregnable fort.

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Superintendent of police, Rohtas

"The buildings in the fort are architectural treasures having finest union of Hindu, Afghan, Turk and Persian styles and are unique because they are the only specimen of Mughal civil architecture in Bihar," Maharaj told the officers.

They were surprised to see Aina Mahal, the residence of governor's chief wife, in the

centre of Man Singh's Persian garden, a fine piece of architecture but the most imposing was the Takht Padshahi or governor's residence which rose to the height of four storeys and crowned with a graceful cupola.

A small cupola leading to a covered balcony overlooking the terraced roof of the ladies apartment on third floor and the topmost cupola gave a magnificent view of the surrounding country and commanded the whole palace area and were unparallel in the country, the probationers opined.

The officers also participated in a community policing camp at village Babhantalab near the fort and interacted with the tribal people and enjoyed their food offered in the camp.