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Introduction:-

The Viceregal Lodge in Shimla, also known as **Rashtrapati Niwas**, is a historic building with a rich history. It was the summer residence of the Viceroys of India during the British Raj, and has witnessed many significant events.

The Viceregal Lodge, located in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, India, is a remarkable architectural masterpiece that stands as a symbol of the colonial history of Indian subcontinent.

This magnificent building, which is now known as **Rashtrapati Niwas** or **Rashtrapati Bhawan**, has played a pivotal role in the history of India. Its story spans across the eras of British Colonial Rules, Indian independence, and its present-day significance.

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Historical Significance.



The construction of the Viceregal Lodge began in 1880 during the tenure of Lord Lytton, who was the viceroy of India at that time. The site was given for its picturesque location in the Shimla Hills, offering a respite from the scorching Indian summers experienced in other parts of the country.

Throughout the British Raj, the Viceregal Lodge served as the summer residence and the seat of the viceroys' administration. It was the epicenter of political decisions that had far-reaching consequences for the Indian subcontinent. The Round Table conferences, which aimed at discussion of constitutional reforms of India, were held here in 1930 and 1931. It was the place where, the last viceroy of India, Lord Mountbatten worked tirelessly to facilitate the country's transition to independence.

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Indian Independence

The Viceregal Lodge witnessed a historic moment in the lead-up to India's independence. On June 15, 1947, Lord Louis Mountbatten, the last Viceroy of India, hosted a crucial meeting at the Lodge where the partition plan was accepted by Indian leaders.

After India gained independence in 1947, the Viceregal Lodge was renamed Rashtrapati Niwas and became the summer retreat for the President of India. It continued to serve as the President's summer residence till 1967 when the partition practice was discontinued. The Rashtrapati Niwas, later turned into an Indian Institute of Advance Study.

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The Indian Institute of Advance Study..

After 1967, the Rashtrapati Niwas was later converted into Institute of Advance Study. It is an academic institute of research and scholarly activities. It provides a serene and intellectually stimulating environment for scholars to pursue their studies and research.

It is open for the public, allowing visitors to explore the history and its beauty.

Architectural Marvel:

It is built upon Observatory Hill, which is one of the seven hills that Shimla is built upon. Henry Truitt, a Scottish architect of the Public Works Department, designed this building. It is an example of Jacobethan architectural style. It features a combination of Victorian, Scottish, and English architectural elements. The building is mainly constructed from grey stones.

Interiors

The interiors of the Viceregal Lodge, are equally impressive. The main hall also known as Banqueting Hall, is adorned with wooden panelling and a grand fireplace. The building boasts an opulent ballroom, a drawing room, a dining room, and an elaborate suite of offices of the viceroy and his staff. This was the first building that was electrified in 1888. Electricity was run by steam engines in those days.

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of the institute focus on
as areas of Humanities,
Natural and life science.

arts and Aesthetics

Comparative Study of Literature
Study of Religion and Philosophy

Developmental Studies

Comparative Study of Political Science

socio-economic and socio-

formation in Historical Perspective

→ State policies on science
and technology.

→ Science, tech. & development

→ Methodologies
techniques.

Library - The library was established in 1965 and is meant for facilitating, promoting and supporting in their research work. It is one of the most prominent and leading libraries to house detailed knowledge of Humanities and Social Science in the country.

Tagore Centre - The Tagore centre was awarded by the HRD Ministry of Govt. of India to advance study on the 150th Birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore. It conducts the annual Tagore lecture and an artist camp in every alternate year.

ICHD - The International Centre for Human Development was set up in Indian Institute of Advance Study in August 2013. It was to ensure improvements of poor and marginalized people while supporting the efforts of the government of the South.

Conclusion -

The Viceregal Lodge, Rashtrapati Niwas or The Indian Institute of Advance Study, located in Shimla, India is a historic place or a architectural masterpiece. Built during the British colonial era, it served as the summer residence of the Viceroy of India. The building's stunning Neo-Gothic design, surrounded by lush gardens and panoramic views of the Himalayas. Today it houses the Indian Institute of Advance Study and stands as a symbol of India's rich history. This building have both historic and present day significance.
