The Major General SL Bhatia Museum for the History of Medicine is located in the Health & Humanities block of SJRI, adjoining the Pope Paul VI Auditorium. It is the central space around which the Department of the History of Medicine of St. John’s Medical College works. This Museum of History Of Medicine was established in 1974 in St John’s Medical College by Major General Bhatia former Dean of Grant Medical College Bombay and later served as a Director-General of Medical Services under the Union Government of India. He was a polymath whose interests spanned medicine, science, philosophy, ethics and history, among others.

The Museum is one of the first of its kind in India with the objective of preserving and promoting the humanitarian part of Medicine. We are keen on involving the community through exhibitions; projects that includes a walk through the museum; use of library - which has almost 3000 books and
other educational activities along with an archive that has preserved the original work of SL Bhatia. The museum today contains a collection of archives, prints, instruments and material, which to the best of our knowledge is unrivalled in India.

The museum is open to group tours and individual visits. Schools, colleges and other collectives have started visiting the museum for planned interactive sessions.

The Hindu article on the museum:

The Deccan Herald article on the museum:
http://www.deccanherald.com/content/571281/preserving-posterity.html
The Museum is not-for-profit and welcomes philanthropy and donations. Contributions to the museum in the form of first edition books, art works, equipment, articles, knick-knacks of historic value related to medicine are most welcome!

The working hours of the museum are:
9:00 am - 4.30 pm from Monday to Friday &
9:00 am - 1:00 pm on Saturday.