

TITLE OF THE EVENT: ONE DAY EDUCATIONAL EXCURSION TO SHANTINIKETAN

NO. OF PARTICIPANTS: 30

DATE: 5TH APRIL 2024

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

REPORT

The Department of History had organized an “Educational Excursion” on 5th April 2024 to visit Bolpur, Shantiniketan which is well known for its association with eminent Indian poet, writer, painter philosopher and Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore. The excursion comprised of 26 students belonging to the second, fourth and sixth semester of the department. They were accompanied by 3 faculty members namely; Miss Manisha Tamang (coordinator), Mr Asim Kumar Das and Mrs Shampa Banerjee along with Mr Ayan Kundu (Research and Documentation Officer, Centre for Research and Preservation of Cultural Heritage).

The faculty members and the students gathered in the college at 6:30 AM in the morning. The bus departed from Chittaranjan at 7:00 AM. The team reached the destination at 10:30 AM. On reaching Bolpur, firstly light refreshments were provided to the students. Then the students proceeded to the Uttarayan Complex which consists of a museum (Rabindra Bhavan) and five houses of Rabindranath Tagore where he used to live between 1919 and 1941. Firstly, the students visited the Rabindra Bhavan also known as Shantiniketan Museum. It showcases the manuscripts, letters, paintings, photographs and the personal belongings of the great poet. It also displays the Nobel Prize Medallion awarded to Tagore. A guide was also provided to the students. After spending about 2 hours in the museum the students moved to see the five houses namely; Udichi, Udayana. Konarka, Shamali and Punascha. Each house has its own distinctive style and design and is surrounded by lush green gardens.

At 1:30 PM the team took a lunch break. After the mid day meal followed by a brief rest, the students went to next stop i.e the Sonajhuri Haat. It is very famous for local handicrafts and other tribal objects. Here the students enjoyed the songs sung by Baul Singers and the dance presented by Santhal group. They also made some purchase. The team left Shantiniketan at 4:30 PM and reached Chittaranjan at 8:30 PM. Both the students and teachers had an enlightening and enjoyable experience. The students were able to get an insight into the

life and works of Rabindranath Tagore. They also developed an appreciation for art and culture of the region. It was a successful and informative tour.



