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India, PIN – 713 331**

TITLE OF THE EVENT: ONE DAY EDUCATIONAL EXCURSION TO

GARH PANCHAKOT

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND ECONOMICS

DATE: 18TH DECEMBER 2024

NO. OF PARTICIPANTS: 27

REPORT

The Department of History and Economics in collaboration with the Eco Club of Deshabandhu Mahavidyalaya organized a one day Educational Excursion cum Survey of Local Tribes at Garh Panchakot, Purulia on 18.12.2024. Garh Panchakot is well known historical site with ruins of forts belonging to the Singh Deo Dynasty of Panchakot around 1600 A.D. The team comprised of 22 students along with 5 faculty members from both the departments namely Dr. Shreyashi Chaudhuri, Prof. Manisha Tamang, Prof. Alen Lama, Mrs. Shampa Banerjee and Mr Ayan Kundu (Research and Documentation Officer, Centre for Research and Preservation of Cultural Heritage).

The bus departed from the college at 8 AM in the morning. The team first visited Panchakot Mahavidyalaya which lies on the way to Garh Panchakot. The excursion was an initiative taken by the college to facilitate MOU for mutual interest and academic cooperation that has been signed with Panchkot Mahavidyalaya. Here, the students and teachers had breakfast and other refreshments. After spending sometime in the college and interacting with the teachers of the college, the team proceeded to the Janardandi village, which is located in Neturia subdivision of Purulia district in West Bengal, India. It is situated 1.8km away from sub-district headquarter Neturia (tehsildar office) and 55km away from district headquarter Purulia. The team was joined by Prof Subrodeep Halder from the Department of History and Professor Sujoy Chatteraj from the Department of Zoology, Panchakot Mahavidyalaya. On reaching the site, the teachers handed the questionnaire to the students and they conducted the survey on heritage and eco tourism with much enthusiasm. It was followed by their visit to the ruins. Prof Halder gave a detailed description about the Panchakot kingdom, its rise and fall as well as the various architectural structures. He also highlighted the need to create awareness about the preservation and protection of this historical site. The team spent about 3 hours closely examining the temple sites. They also visited various stalls selling handicrafts and other locally made items.

After enjoying a hearty lunch around 3 PM, the team was on their way back to Chittaranjan. Retired professor of the Department of Philosophy and former IQAC coordinator Dr. Apurbo Kumar Ray came to visit the team and interacted with the students and the teachers of both the colleges. The teachers of the both the colleges agreed to carry out



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collaborative research work involving faculty and students. The students had an enriching experience. They became familiar with the tribal population of Garh Panchakot and their lives. They also developed an insight about eco tourism and ways to promote sustainable tourism practices.





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