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Thakurnagar, North 24 Parganas – 734287

REPORT ON
ONE-DAY FIELD VISIT AT THE ASIATIC SOCIETY, KOLKATA

All semester (Hons) students were given the opportunity to visit The Asiatic Society, located in Kolkata, West Bengal, as part of a field study tour organized by the Central Library of P. R. Thakur Govt. College on December 21, 2023. The purpose of the excursion was to introduce our young children to the Asiatic Society Library's different activity and to foster a love of reading in them.

DESCRIPTION OF FIELD STUDY TOUR:

Accompanying Faculties:

1. Dr.Asit Biswas, Asst. Professor of English
2. Mrs. Anindita Halder, Asst. Professor of English
3. Dr. LipikaSaha, Asst. Professor of Bengali
4. Dr. Rimi Ghosh Dastidar, Asst. Professor of Bengali
5. Mrs. Saonli Patra, Asst. Professor of Geography
6. Ms. Apala Chatterjee, Librarian

Student Participants:B. Sc. & B. A. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th& 6th Semester Hons. students

Objectives:

- Providing access to information and knowledge: One of the primary objectives of Asiatic Society library is to provide access to books, magazines, newspapers, journals, and other resources that promote literacy, lifelong learning, and personal growth.
- Supporting education and research.
- Encouraging community engagement.
- Fostering digital literacy.
- Enhancing the quality of life.
- Creating awareness and to change in their thought process.

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Study tour details:

- **Journey from Thakurnagar to Asiatic Society: Date: 21.12.2023.** We started our journey towards Sealdah station at 8.08 AM by BangaonSealdah local train and reached our destination at 11:30 am.

Outcome of the study tour:

By 12:15 PM we were gathered at the Asiatic Society Seminar Hall. Assistant Librarian of the Asiatic Society welcomed us, introduced himself and told us about the Library rules and told the reasons behind the library's usefulness and importance to the Community.

The students learnt that the Asiatic Society Library was formed in 1784 by Sir William Jones. We had a Library tour which was directed by Library staff members through the different sections such as the lending section, where lenders are able to lend books for a certain period after being member of the Library, rare books division, preservation and conservation division etc. The students were also shown the Restorationsection where the books are repaired and the Technical and Developing section where books are processed and given to different departments for use.

The trip was successful and beneficial to the students because the students experienced a new environment, and the importance of books which has inspired them to take better care of the college library books and has encouraged good behavior in our own college library.

We are so grateful for the support given to us for this trip to be successful. The total number of the students attended the tour was 44.

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Glimpses of Asiatic Society Library Visit (Date:21.12.2023)