

**CENTRAL LIBRARY**  
**P. R. THAKUR GOVERNMENT COLLEGE**

Thakurnagar, North 24 Parganas – 734287

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**REPORT ON**  
**ONE-DAY FIELD VISIT AT NATIONAL LIBRARY, KOLKATA**

On January 8, 2025, the Central Library of P. R. Thakur Govt. College arranged a field study tour for all of the semester (Hons) students to visit The National Library in Kolkata, West Bengal. The trip's objectives were to instill a love of reading in our young kids and to familiarize them with the operations of the National Library.

**DESCRIPTION OF FIELD STUDY TOUR:**

**Accompanying Faculties:**

1. 2. Dr. Banani Barman, Asst. Professor of Philosophy
3. Dr. Supriya Samanta, Asst. Professor of Philosophy
4. Mrs. Pritha Paul, Asst. Professor of Philosophy
5. Dr. Utpal Singha Roy, Asst. Professor of Zoology
6. Mrs. Anisha Sen, Asst. Professor of Sociology
7. Mrs. Saonli Patra, Asst. Professor of Geography
8. Dr. Subhra Kanti Mondal, Asst. Professor of Chemistry
9. Ms. Apala Chatterjee, Librarian

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

**Objectives:**

- Providing access to information and knowledge: One of the primary objectives of National 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.

### **Study tour details:**

- **Journey from Thakurnagar to National Library: Date: 08.01.2025.** We started our journey towards Sealdah station at 8.08 AM by Bangaon Sealdah local train and reached our destination at 11:00 am.

### **Outcome of the study tour:**

By 11:30 we were ready to start the program at the National Library. The National Library Assistant Librarians welcomed us, introduced themselves and told us about the Library rules. They taught us the reasons why the library is useful and important to the Community.

The students learnt that the National Library was formed in 1953 by combining a number of Secretariat libraries in Calcutta. Of those, the most important and interesting was the library of the [Home Department](#), which contained many books formerly belonging to the library of [East India College](#), Fort William and the library of the East India Board in London. But, the use of the library was restricted to the superior officers of the Government. Sir [Ashutosh Mukherjee](#) was appointed as the president of imperial library council (1910) to which he donated his personal collection of 80,000 books arranged in a separate section. 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. The students were also shown the Restoration and Extra Mill section where the books are repaired and the Technical and Developing section where books are processed and given to different departments for use.

Lastly, students were giving the opportunity to be registered as members of the National Library. 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 50.

## Photo Gallery



**Glimpses of National Library Visit (Date: 08.01.2025)**