

Educational Field Trip to Bolpur Town, Birbhum District, West Bengal,

in November 2023 by the Department of Geography, Government Girls' General Degree College, Kolkata

As part of the syllabus curriculum in Practical Paper of Semester V- CC11 (CBCS) in Geography at the Undergraduate level under University of Calcutta, an educational field trip was arranged in the session 2023-2024 for Geography Semester V students in an urban setup of Bolpur Town at Birbhum District, West Bengal from 16th of November to 19th of November, 2023. The town was selected for carrying out the man-environment relationship study since the town is facing a major rise in population pressure in the last two decades from the surrounding parts and the urban environment has started facing some major challenges due to huge influx of people. This locale is also a very popular tourist spot in West Bengal where tourists both national and international love to visit throughout the year. Recently *Shantiniketan* spot located at a close vicinity of Bolpur town has been designated as a *World Heritage Site* by UNESCO. The region is considered as one of the major educational hubs in the state where *Viswabharati* University is located. The University was founded by the Nobel Laureate World famous renowned Poet and Philosopher Rabindranath Tagore in 1901.

The total team was of 22 members - 18 students accompanied by the faculty members – Dr. Rajashree Dasgupta, Smt. Suradhuni Ghosh and two non-teaching staff members Mr. Kamallesh Mandal and Arup Ghosh went to Bolpur town to carry out the detailed study on man – environment interactions in an urban setup. The students performed detailed socio-economic household survey, road and traffic survey, market survey, hotel survey and tourist survey in the respective locality within the four days stipulated time. They also performed surveying and levelling in open fields with dumpy level and prismatic compass to know the undulations of the relief character of the locality. Soil samples were also collected identifying different plots having different landuses. A detailed land-use mapping of the entire Bolpur town was also carried out. The students also visited different Government Offices like the Bolpur Municipality, Government Primary Health Centre to collect relevant data for their academic purpose.



Field Trip Photos

**FIELD TRIP PHOTOS AT BOLPUR TOWN
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