

Report on the Educational Tour to the Alipore Museum, Kolkata organized by the Department of History, Government Girls' General Degree College, Kolkata on 5th December, 2025

Organized by: Department of History, Government Girls' General Degree College, Kolkata

Date: 05/12/2025

Number of Participants: 13 students, 2 faculty members

Venue: Alipore Museum, Kolkata

Objective:

As part of their SEC course, Museums and Archives (Repositories of History), 1st semester students were taken to the Alipore Museum to get first-hand experience of how a museum look like, how are exhibits displayed, and to get a general idea of the working of the museum. The visit was mainly organized by Prof. Nafisa Sarkar who teaches the paper and was meant to be a project for the students. HOD Dr Nandini Jana also accompanied the group.

Outcome:

This museum is comparatively a new museum which used to be a jail in colonial period and a correctional home in free India prior to its conversion into a museum. Here, the jail buildings and its cells and gallows are turned into exhibits itself. The students visited the various sections of the Museum that includes, the gallows, the various prison cells where famous leaders and freedom fighters were incarcerated. They could have a glimpse of the prison life through models kept in a cell and could view actual bombs, revolvers and firearms used by the Bengal revolutionaries. The students also form an idea of the surveillance and control which was initiated by means of the structure of the prison house. Visiting this museum gave the students a rare opportunity to know in detail about other side of state repression in colonial India.

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20/11/24

To
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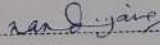
Sub: Seeking permission regarding a Study Tour to the Indian Museum for joining the AMI Arts Festival celebrating the World Heritage Week

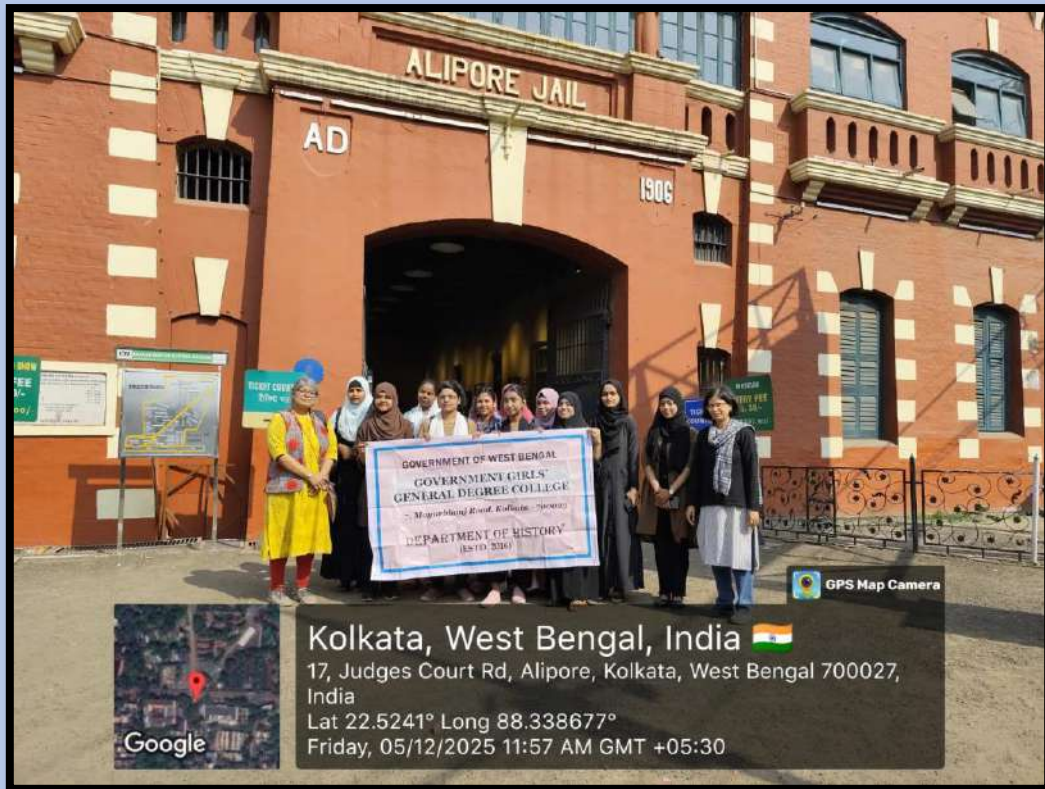
Madam,

This is to bring to your kind notice that the Indian Museum is hosting AMI Arts Festival, *From Fields to Folk: A Journey through Rural Heritage* from 22nd to 29th November, 2024 for celebrating the World Heritage Week, where 20 museums will be participating. We would not like to miss this opportunity and want to take our Honours students of all the three semesters on the last day of the programme on 29.11.2024 (Friday). Since museums, popular and folk culture are essential components of their course under CCF, the students will be able to have a better understanding of the course and will be immensely benefitted by this study tour.

I, therefore, request you to kindly permit and provide necessary instructions so that the Department of History, Government Girls' General Degree College, can do the tour

Thanking You
Yours sincerely,


(Dr Nandini Jana)
Associate Professor & Head
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Students and faculty in front of the Alipore Museum



Students and faculty in front of Martyrs' Memorial



Assistant Professor Nafisa Sarkar explaining to students



Students in front of the building that housed the cells in the jail where freedom fighters like C R Das and J M Sengupta were incarcerated

