

Educational Tour Report
Department of Philosophy,
Gangadharpur Mahavidyamandir
Academic Session: 2023-2024

Tour Details

- Destination: Santiniketan
- Dates: 14th & 15th March 2024
- Number of Participants: 11
- Accompanying Faculty Members: Sabyasachi Mondal, Priyanka Hazra



Objective

The educational tour was organized for the students to experience rich cultural heritage of Santiniketan. Shantiniketan is famous as the home of Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore and the location where he established Visva-Bharati University. It's a UNESCO World Heritage site recognized for its unique educational philosophy, blending Indian traditions with a global perspective. Shantiniketan is also known for its artistic and cultural heritage, with the Poush Mela and other festivals showcasing local traditions and art.

Itinerary

Day 1 (14.03.2024)

- Departure from Howrah railway station at 10:10 am by Santiniketan Express
- Arrival at Santiniketan at 12:30 pm
- Reached hotel at 1:30 pm
- Visited Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre
- Visited Sonajhuri Haat

Day 2 (15.03.2024)

- Visited Uttrayan Museum 10:00 am
- Visited Central Library of Visva – Bharati 11:30
- Started Return Journey at 1:30 pm



Outcomes of Santiniketan Visit:

Enhanced Critical Thinking:

Educational excursions help students apply classroom knowledge in real-world settings, strengthening their understanding and promoting critical thinking skills, as observed.

Strengthened Teacher-Student Bonds:

Shared experiences during excursions foster a sense of community and strengthen the bond between teachers and students, creating a more supportive learning environment.



Deepened Cultural Understanding:

Visiting Santiniketan, particularly the Baul Haat and witnessing local crafts and Baul music, provides students with a firsthand experience of the culture of Bengal.

Expanded Worldviews:

Experiencing the unique educational philosophy of Santiniketan, particularly its emphasis on nature and open-air learning, can broaden students' perspectives and inspire them to think differently about education and the world.

**Lifelong Memories:**

The experience of visiting Santiniketan, with its rich history and unique atmosphere, creates lasting memories for students, reinforcing their appreciation for learning and culture.

Connection with Nature:

Santiniketan's focus on a holistic approach to education, including outdoor learning and a connection with nature, can foster a love for the environment in students.

Creative Expression:

Students can engage in various activities like singing Tagore's songs, reciting his poems, and writing about their experiences, which enhances their creative faculties and imagination.

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