

Report of Educational Tour
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According to Francis Bacon, travelling is a part of education. An educational tour is a part of travelling. It is a part and parcel of the life of students as it gives them excellent opportunity to learn a lot of unknown things outside the classroom setting. It provides a chance for them to experience different cultures, explore new places, and gain practical knowledge that they can apply in real-life situations.



To provide such an enriching experience to students of department of English, a one day educational tour was organised by the Department of English, Krishna Chandra College, Hetampur, Birbhum on 25th February, 2020 to visit the Massanjore Dam, Jharkhand. **Massanjore Dam** is a hydropower generating dam with huge natural beauty across the Mayurakshi River located at Massanjore near Dumka in the state of Jharkhand, India. The Massanjore dam (also called Canada Dam), across the Mayurakshi, was commissioned in 1955. It was formally inaugurated by Lester B. Pearson, Foreign Minister of Canada. The Mayurakshi River at the dam site has a catchment area of 1869 km.



The main purpose of this tour is to broaden the students' horizons and enhance their learning experience. Almost 46 students participated in this tour accompanied by all the faculty members of department of English namely Dr. Arindam Ghosh, Mr. Mahananda Barman, Mr. Nayem Aktar and Mr. Anirban Singha. In the previous day of the tour, Students were directed to gather at Hetampur bus Stand at about 7:00 am. Expectedly all the students gathered at the specified spot. Dr. Goutam Chatterjee, Principal of the college permitted the tour and wished all the participants of the tour 'best and safe journey'. We started our journey to the Massanjore Dam, Jharkhand at 7:30 am with a Volvo bus. In the meantime breakfast for all was given on time. Finally We reached at the Massanjore Dam at about 11:00 am. After completing the local procedures of the dam, our bus entered inside the dam through the main entrance. The students were so excited at that time. The officials and local people of the dam warmly welcomed all of us and

directed us to select a spot for cooking. First of all tea and snacks were served to the students. We took a group picture at the beginning. After that we started to visit different parts of the dam together along with all the faculty members.



The Massanjore dam is an extremely beautiful dam built on the River Mayurakshi close to Dumka district, maintaining the formerly undulating landscape of the area. The dam is bounded by hills and forests, a perfect place for outing. Mayurakshi Bhawan Bungalow and Inspection Bungalow offer excellent and comfortable accommodation in the village. Massanjore dam or the Pearson dam on river Mayurakshi is a picturesque place on foot hills of long range of forest clad parallel hill ranges. This place is basically a hydro electric power generating center but in the process of time it has become popular center for the tourist. With the beautiful garden on the downhill and two beautiful Dak-bungalows on the bank of the river at charm to its beauty. The wavy terrain of the dam have been well utilised to build up beautiful small park inside the dam area and broad walkways on around the spot. There was a entertaining spot for children present in the park that is considered as an additional beauty to the park. This place also has other recreational facilities like boating and restaurant inside. Boating arrangements for the people inside is accessible in the huge area of the dam. It provides an extremely panoramic view to admire the natural beauty of the place.

Actually it was a nature reserve, which was a unique experience. We were able to observe and learn about the flora and fauna of the area. The reserve was home to various species of animals and plants, and we had the opportunity to see them up close. The tour guide provided us with valuable information about the ecosystem and how it was being preserved. We also learned about the threats that the ecosystem was facing and the steps being taken to protect it.



We visited the riverside of Mayurakshi, its vast area, and observed different kinds of small and big trees. We saw different kinds of birds and enjoyed songs of the different birds. The dam was an excellent opportunity for students to learn about the importance of preserving the environment and the impact of human activities on the ecosystem. The dam visit was relevant to the tour's theme of promoting environmental awareness and encouraging students to take action to protect the environment.



After visiting different parts of the dam all the students along with the faculty members took their lunch on time. Then students passed sometime leisurely as they became tired. Some of them talked among them. Most of them were discussing about the huge natural beauty of the dam. Then we started preparation to come back from the tour spot. Finally we started our bus at about 5 pm and arrived at Hetampur bus Stand at about 8 pm .All the guardians and parents were already present at Hetampur bus Stand to receive their daughters and sons. The faculty members handed over the students to their guardians. All the students sent their message of safe arrival at home through WhatsApp. Thus we had successfully completed the educational tour of the Department of English for the session 2019 – 2020 .