



Azad Hind Fouz Smriti Mahavidyalaya Domjur, Howrah

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Criterion 7 – Institutional Values and Best Practices

7.3 INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS

7.3.1: Portray the performance of the Institution in one area distinctive to its priority and thrust within 1000 words

Response:

Azad Hind Fouz Smriti Mahavidyalaya wants to be known an institution that encourages Teaching-Learning through Educational Tours. This is in the spirit of NEP 2020 programme of ‘*Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat*’ aimed to enhance students’ knowledge and understanding the rich culture and diversity of the country.

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EDUCATIONAL TOURS:

Educational tours are an integral component of education as they give students the opportunity to learn outside of the conventional classroom. They offer a unique educative experience for students who get the opportunity to explore new things, gather knowledge and develop life skills. As per NEP 2020 (22.12):

The Policy recognizes that the knowledge of the rich diversity of India should be imbibed first hand by learners. This would mean including simple activities, like touring by students to different parts of the country, which will not only give a boost to tourism but will also lead to an understanding and appreciation of diversity, culture, traditions and knowledge of different parts of India. Towards this direction under 'Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat', 100 tourist destinations in the country will be identified where educational institutions will send students to study these destinations and their history, scientific contributions, traditions, indigenous literature and knowledge, etc., as a part of augmenting their knowledge about these areas.

- **NEP 2020**

https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/NEP_Final_English_0.pdf
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- **'Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat' (EBSB)**

Link: https://www.ugc.gov.in/pdfnews/5685284_EBSB_23-09-2021.pdf

Educational Tours are a holistic experience for both students and teachers which have proved to be a distinctive feature of our College during the last few years.

Objectives and Benefits of Educational Tours:*Exposure to new environments*

Study Tours are enriching experiences for students. These tours usually focus on specific areas of interest, such as art, history, politics, science, language, nature and so on. The participants in these tours get first-hand exposure to a wide variety of socio-cultural knowledge and educational experiences. It enhances their understanding of the world around them and broadens their perspective. Educational tours also provide opportunities to develop independence, leadership and teamwork.

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Develop social skills

Educational Tours are an opportunity for students to interact and communicate with their peer-group and teachers in a new environment. Thus the students develop social skills.

Develop problem-solving skills

Educational tours often present unexpected and challenging situations. To overcome these, students have to use their problem-solving skills and find solutions.

Develop leadership skills

Educational tours to work in groups and the chance to take on leadership roles and responsibilities which develops their leadership skills.

Enhance academic performance

Educational Tours give students a sense of excitement and adventure. They are exposed to a variety of experiences and discover new perspectives on their chosen field of study or completely different academic areas. A student of English Literature may learn something on an educational tour to a place of geographical importance. Similarly, a student of Geography may gain valuable knowledge while visiting a heritage site. The new experiences encourage students to gather more information and thereby enhance their learning. They return to the classroom with a greater enthusiasm for learning.

Build lifelong memories

Apart from educational benefits, educational tours also build lifelong memories. On these trips students make new friends and deepen bonds with their classmates. Hence, educational tours may be considered a valuable educational tool that enhances knowledge and builds memories.

Azad Hind Fouz Smriti Mahavidyalaya organizes two types of Educational Tours:

1. Compulsory Study Tours prescribed in the University Curriculum
2. Voluntary Study Tours organized by the Departments of the College

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DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY:

The Department of Geography organizes Educational Tours as part of the Calcutta University Course Curriculum prescribed for the students of Geography Honours. These following field trips were arranged by the Department in the last five years:

2017-18

Date: 15th to 23rd September, 2017

Class: Geography Honours (Third Year)

Number of Students: 28

Number of Teachers: 3

Project: “Socio-economic study of Nainital Municipal area special reference to ward no 7 & 8”



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Scenic beauty of Nainital and its surroundings



Group with Tour Bus



Class at night after day-long Tour

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2018-19

Date: 29th September to 5th October, 2018

Class: Geography Honours (Third Year)

Number of Students: 21

Number of Teachers: 3

Project: "Socio-economic study of Gangtok development area special reference with ward no 2"



The Group of students and teachers near Changu Lake, East Sikkim

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2019-20

Date: 23th September to 2nd October, 2019

Class: Geography Honours (Third Year)

Number of Students: 31

Number of Teachers: 3

Project: "Socio-economic study of Nogli Village, Rampur sub division, Shimla District, Himachal Pradesh"



Boarding Kalka Mail at Howrah Station



Group Photo at Nogli Village

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Instrumental survey at Sutlej riverbed, Nogli, Rampur



One day trekking at Nogli

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2020-21

Date: 27th February to 3rd March, 2020

Class: Geography Honours (Third Year)

Number of Students: 22

Number of Teachers: 2

Project: "Socio-economic study of Daskin Bathabari village, Lataguri, Mal Block, Jalpaiguri District, West Bengal"



Group Photo at Kolkata Station



Group photo at Daskin Bathabari village



Instrument survey at Murti river

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Group Photo at Cooch Behar Rajbari constructed in 1887 in the reign of Maharaja Nripendra Narayan and inspired by the design of Buckingham Palace in London

2022-23

Date: 23rd to 28th September, 2022

Class: Geography Honours (Semester IV)

Number of Students: 28

Number of Teachers: 3

Project: “Socio-economic survey of Sorengipi (Daberi) village & surroundings of Darinbadi region, Kandhmahal district, Odisha”



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Group Photo at Darinbadi



Dense forests of Darinbadi



Main occupation at Sorengipi village is cultivation



Instrumental survey at Sorengipi village

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2022-23

Date: 1st to 5th May, 2023

Class: Geography Honours (Semester IV)

Number of Students: 33

Number of Teachers: 3

Project: "Socio-economic survey of Lingthum (GPU) village, Mangan Rongpi Block, East Sikkim district, Sikkim"



Group photo at Lingthum Village



Instrumental survey at Santanikhola River



Development of rapids on Santanikhola Riverbed

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Group photo at Natula



Memories of a lifetime

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A different culture and way of life



“Old Baba Mandir” at “silk route”



Close relationship between man and environment

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DEPARTMENTS OF ENGLISH & HISTORY:

Date: 21st March, 2023

Places: St. John's Church, the Reserve Bank of India Museum and Prinsep Ghat



The St John's Church is an open air museum in Calcutta that showcases nearly two hundred years of British political emergence in Bengal. Its courtyard has tombstones, war memorials, stone tablets, graves, paintings about the history of Calcutta and the British East India Company in Bengal.

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St. John's Church



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History of Money and Banking at RBI Museum



Department of History at Prinsep Ghat by the Hooghly River

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Date: 20th December, 2023

Places: Garden House of Abanindranath Tagore, Danish Heritage sites in Serampore and Bose Hose



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Group Photo



Abanindranath Tagore is one of the most influential artists, authors and thinkers who radically influenced the direction of Indian art by establishing the 'Indian Society of Oriental Art and Bengal School of Art'.



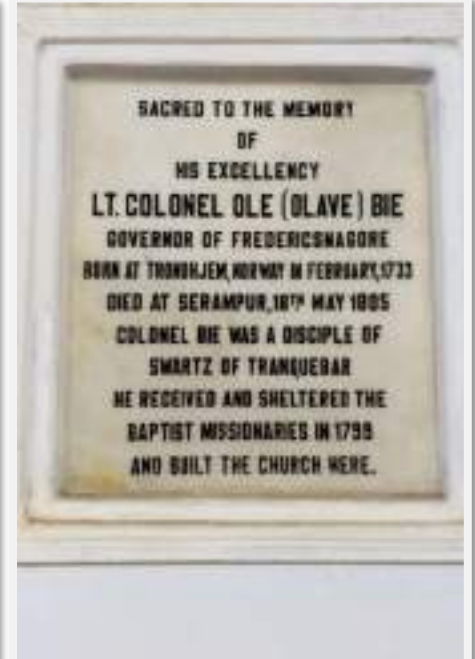
In 1905, when the then Viceroy of India, Lord Curzon, decided to divide Bengal under the notorious Divide and Rule policy; Abanindranath Tagore painted the 'Bharat Mata' as part of the movement to reinforce the idea of a united Indian nation.

Inspired by the lyrics describing the motherland in Bankimchandra Chattopadhyay's novel 'Anandamath' (1882), the Bharat Mata is depicted as a four-armed goddess wearing saffron robes, holding a book, sheaves of rice, a string of beads and a white cloth. There is a halo around her head and white lotus flowers bloom at her feet. She exudes strength and love, virtues of all mothers, and became a powerful inspiration for all freedom fighters.

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Missionaries were considered a threat by the British in Calcutta as they were worried that converting Indians could stir the native population against the East India Company rule. So, they were prevented from starting their missionary work. Henry Martyn was a chaplain commissioned by East India Company with the objective to preach the gospel to the English population only. He came to Serampore on the invitation of David Brown as Serampore was already a base for Baptist missionaries William Carey, William Ward and Joshua Marshman.

Danish Heritage sites: Henry Martyn's Pagoda Church and St. Olav's Church



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DEPARTMENT OF BENGALI

Date: 18th April, 2023

Places: Jorasanko Thakurbari and Prinsep Ghat



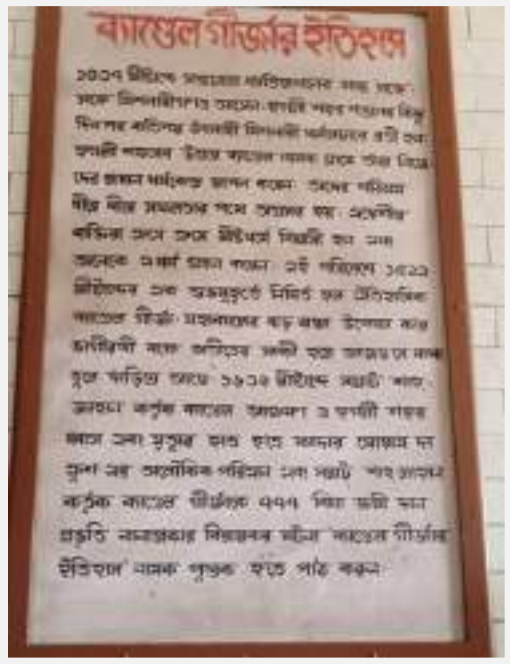
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Date: 9th January, 2024

Places: Ancestral House of Saratchandra Chattopadhyay, Bandel Church and Hooghly Imambara



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Heritage sites: Bandel Church and Hooghly Imambara



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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Date: 28th April, 2023

Places: Indian Museum and Eden Gardens Park



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Metal Art Gallery



Zoological Gallery



Department of Education in Indian Museum lawn

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DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Date: 28th April, 2023

Places: High Court, Bidhan Sabha and Eden Gardens Park



Department of Political Science in the High Court corridor

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EDEN GARDENS:

George Eden, popularly known as Earl of Auckland or Lord Auckland, took over as Governor General of India in 1834 and spent much of his eight-year stay in India beautifying urban spaces. Auckland came to India with his two sisters — Emily and Fanny. The garden was named after Emily and Fanny Eden.



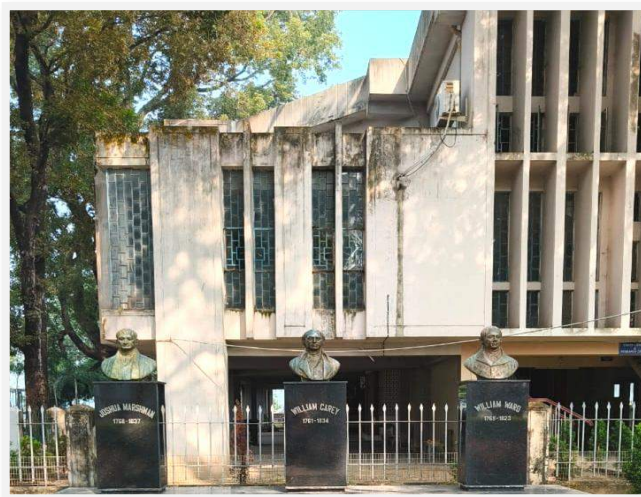
The Pagoda in Eden Garden was brought from Prome in Myanmar (Burma) by Lord Dalhousie in 1854 following the Second Anglo-Burmese War of 1852.

Date: 5th January, 2024

Places: Serampore College University – Carey Museum and Joykrishna Library



The Group – ready for the Educational Tour



Serampore College Map and William Carey Museum

Founded in 1818 by British missionaries, Serampore College is one of Asia's very first institutions of modern higher education. In 1827, the university was granted the authority to confer academic degrees by the Danish King Frederik VI.

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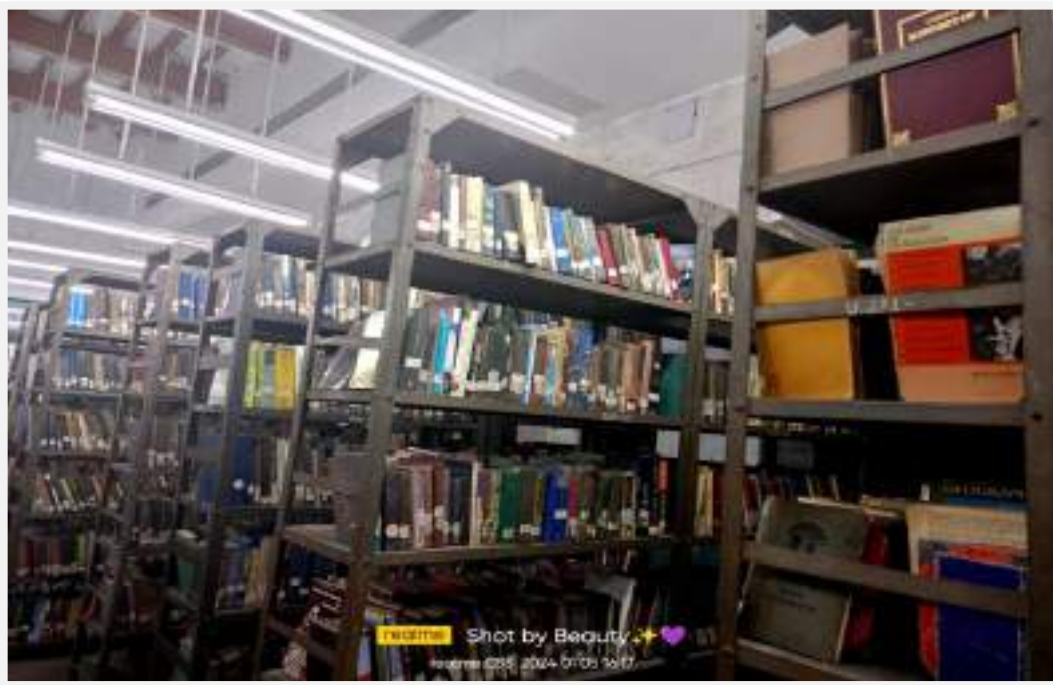


The first free public circulating library in Asia established by Babu Jaykrishna Mukherjee and opened to the public in 1859.

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The collections of rare books and articles preserved in the library archive and the museum in the Carey Library and Research Centre is an important Book Museum of the country. The reading materials in 101 languages consisting the manuscripts, polyglot of 14 languages, letters, pamphlets, journals, grammar and dictionaries of about 30 languages along with the collections of Bible, original and translated in different languages are valuable research materials on Indian History.



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DEPARTMENTS OF SANSKRIT AND PHILOSOPHY:

Date: 26th April, 2023

Places: Ancestral house of Swami Vivekananda, Acharya Bhaban and Minto Park



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Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose, the renowned Bengali physicist, botanist and archaeologist, invented wireless telegraphy in 1895 but did not file for a patent. Italian scientist, Marconi made a similar demonstration in 1897 and filed for a patent. So, though Bose did the pioneering work in the field, Marconi got the credit for the invention.

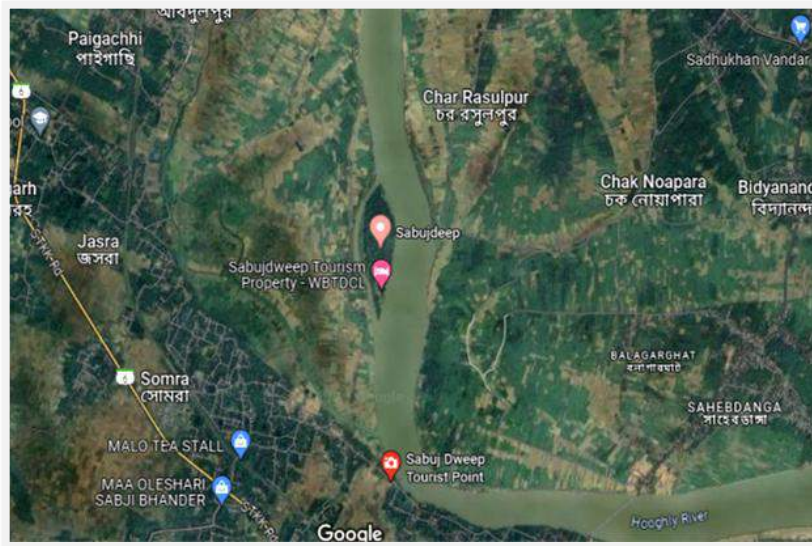
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DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY:

The Department organizes one-day field trips as co-curricular activities for students:

Date: 6th February, 2018

Places: 'Sabuj Dwip' – an island in Hooghly River filled with greenery.



Group Photo at Sabju Dwip with the statue of an elephant at the back

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Date: 27th August, 2019

Places: Mini-Sundarbans at Taki, North 24-Parganas



River Ichamati



Trekking in Gol-Pata Forest



Roychowdhury Zaminder House – a relic of the past

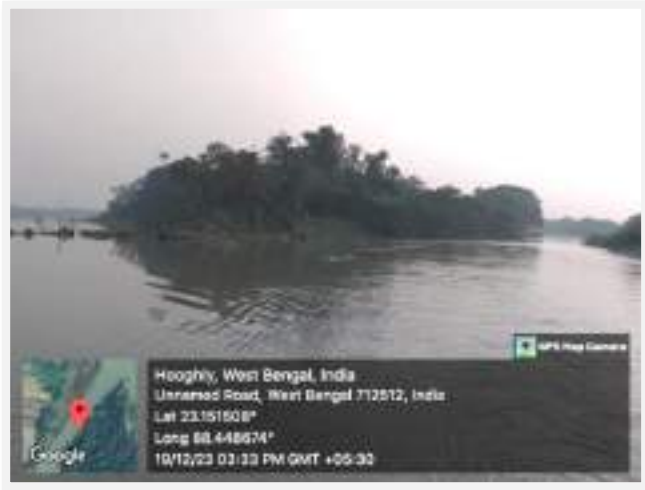
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Date: 19th December, 2023

Places: 'Sabuj Dwip' – an island in Hooghly River filled with greenery.



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Date: 21st December, 2022

Places: Panchpota Oxbow Lake and Kalanchi India-Bangladesh Border



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The international border is a testimony to the painful past of the country – the Partition of India and Pakistan in August 1947 following the end of British rule in the Indian sub-continent.

Date: 23rd March, 2023

Places: Bakkhali a seaside hamlet in South 24 Parganas District with a stretch of white sand beach for about 8 kilometers to Fraserganj. Bakkhali is the perfect destination for nature lovers.



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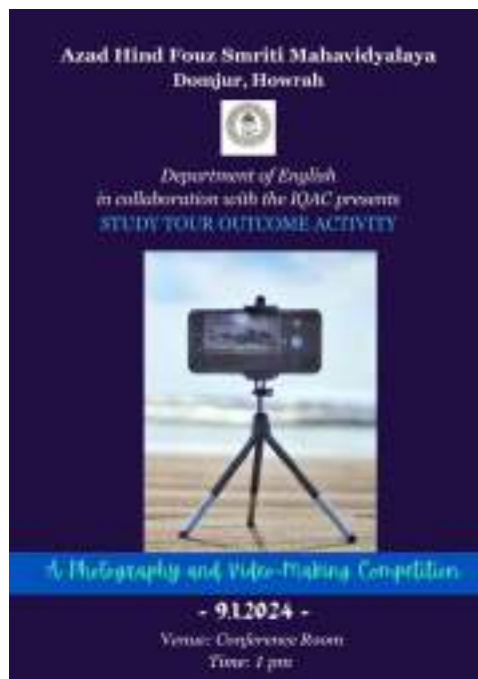


Frasergunj Fishing Harbour



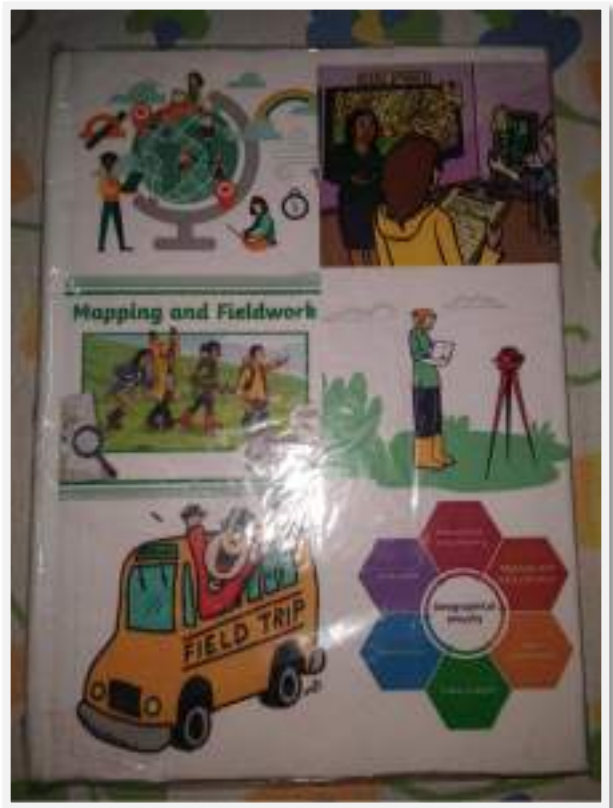
Sunset in Bakkhali beach

OUTCOME ACTIVITY OF EDUCATIONAL TOUR:



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Field Trip Projects by students of Geography Honours:



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