

Educational Tour'2021-22

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- 1. Purpose of the tour & description:** Department of History, J.K.College arranged an academic tour to susunia on 22nd February' 2022. The Susunia rock inscription is the oldest Brahmi inscription of West Bengal. This rock inscription of the 4th century AD was found engraved in Susunia hill, whose ancient name was Puskarna. This place was the capital of Chandravarman's kingdom. At present this place is located in Bankura district and is 13 km North-East of Chhatna police station. According to the Allahabad inscription, Chandravarman was a feudal lord under the Gupta kings. It was most probably the same ruler who got this inscription engraved. Besides, the hill is a popular place for its great archaeological value, and fossils and tools of the Stone Age have also been unearthed here. The inscription site is under the surveillance of 'Archaeological Survey of India.' This inscription consists of two parts and has a prominent 'Chakra' (wheel) with blazing edges. The first part indicates that the inscription was incised following the orders of king Chandravarman and the second one states that the village of Choshagrama was transferred to Chakrasvamin.

Educational tour provides students with a great opportunity to learn in an informal environment, while building long lasting relationships with other students and teachers. On the other hand Inscriptions are the most accurate and reliable source of information to reconstruct ancient History.

- 2. Number of participants among the students & Teachers:** A total number of 38 students (PG) and three teachers of the History department visited the ancient inscription site on

Susunia hill. This educational tour was organized by the departmental teachers.

3. Venue: Susunia is located at 23°24'N, 86°59'E in Bankura district of southern West Bengal. It is 82 kms from Purulia and 10 km from Chhatna police station. Susunia Hills are at an elevation of 1200 feet and has spectacular landscape, lush green forests with red soil.

4. Programme: We reached the place at 10 AM and had our tiffin. After taking rest a while, we (teachers & Students) went on foot to the main site of the inscription which is about 600 feet from the ground level. It took almost 2 hours for us to reach the exact location. Students were very happy and had many queries. The whole inscription was fully described by one of our teacher Md. Mirsaheb Ansary. After visiting the place we came back and had our lunch. In the afternoon time we all went to visit a natural waterfall, whose water is considered holy by the locals. And also we visited the local market where many stone products were being sold.

We all had a very nice and enchanting time at Susunia and our students learnt a lot and experienced ancient history through their own eyes.

A few cherished moments from this educational trip-



Susunia Lipi(inscription)



Our students and near the Susunia inscription



Susunia hill



Our students in front of the College gate



Our students are walking towards the inscription...



Students are having lunch under the tree.

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