

Study Tour (Excursion) Report

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Date of Visit: 19th-22nd March, 2024

Place of Visit: Nalanda and Rajgir

From 19th - 22nd March 2024, the Department of History arranged a Study Tour (Excursion) to Nalanda and Rajgir to understand the political and cultural scenario of ancient India. In this tour four teachers and 23 students visited this historical place. The team went by train from Purulia to Nalanda and Rajgir via Patna. Ancient Rajagriha was the capital city of the Magadhan empire, and the 1st Buddhist Council was held at this place. Nalanda Mahavihara, the ancient world-famous university is located just a few kilometres from Rajgir. Several great scholars of the like of Hiuen-Tsang, Nagarjuna, Dinnaga and etc. studied here. After visiting the ancient Rajagriha, the students realized how hills worked as a natural fortification wall of the capital city. The students visited several places with great interest and curiosity, like the Jail of Bimbisara, Manasa temple, the treasury of Bimbisara, and Saptaparni Cave etc. in Rajgir. Standing in the midst of the Nalanda ruins, the students tried to be familiar with the excavated building structure and education system of this famous university.



Rajgir (ancient Rajagriha), Bihar

The students were very satisfied with this four-day educational tour.



Viswa Shanti Stupa, Rajgir, Bihar



Ruins of Nalanda Mahavihara, Nalanda, Bihar



Ancient Nalanda University, Nalanda, Bihar