

BBA final years in Sundarbans - 18th March to 23rd March 2016

The 6th Semester students of BBA, Salesian College made their trip to Kolkata and Sunderbans as part of their final activity together before passing out of college this year, in the month of March. The choice was Sundarban, as it is the largest single block of tidal halophytic mangrove forest in the world. They spent a day in Kolkata and travelled to Sundarbans for their two day stay. The group set off for Kolkata by train on 18th March at 6:20 p.m., accompanied by Mr. Patrick Johnson & Ms. Sumina Chhetri. The students and faculty spent the day in Kolkata visiting places like Nicko Park, Bowling Park, New Market & finally Plush Disco at Astor Hotel to celebrate Shreya Agarwal's birthday in the evening.

On the morning of 20th, they continued the journey by taxi to Sundarbans in 24 Parganas (South). The 3 and half hour cab ride came to an end at the docks of Gadkhali, from where the group boarded a boat to Gosaba Island. The boat housed a kitchen, sleeping quarters, dining and sitting area; the group was meant to spend most of the trip on the boat including their breakfast and lunch, dinner was served at the resort in Gosaba. The Sundarbans stay included visit two heritage bungalows, a Museum, Jungle hikes and cruising the in the waterways deep in the jungle, all guided by local & government guides. The high points of the trip was Shreya's birthday celebrations, the boat rides and the meals on the boats and the train journey back to NJP which was fun-filled. The group arrived at Siliguri on the morning, 23rd of March 2016.

The trip seems to have left a lasting impression on the students, as they witnessed the hardship & simplicity of the daily life of the common man. Moreover, the tour made the bond stronger amongst the students & with the teachers without the guidance of whom it might have been turned futile. Overall, it was a wonderful excursion.

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