

**Report on “Educational Visit to Gouri Kunj, the Museum
turned Residence of Bibhuti Bhushan Bandyopadhyay”**
Held on 3rd of August, 2019

Date of Event	3 rd of August, 2019
Name and Type of Event	Educational Trip- Visit to Gouri Kunj, Ghatsila
Conducted by	Dr. Rupa Sarkar & Dr. Manoj Kumar Pathak
No. of Participants	34

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In an educational tour to Ghatshila, on the 3rd August 2019, the students of B. A. English (III & V Sem), accompanied by Dr. Rupa Sarkar & Dr. Manoj Kumar Pathak, visited ‘Gouri Kunj’, the residence of Bibhuti Bhushan Bandyopadhyay, an Indian author, and one of the leading writers of modern Bengali literature. His best known work is the autobiographical novel, *Pather Panchali* (*The Song of the Road*). He was posthumously awarded the Rabindra Puraskar in 1951, the most prestigious literary award in West Bengal, for his novel *Ichhamati*.

The students were briefed by the accompanying faculty members that his residence at Ghatshila was named after his first wife Gouri Devi died of cholera, a year after their marriage. Her death and Bandopadhyay's consequent loneliness led to a theme of tragedy that became a recurrent motif in his early writings. At the age of 46, he married Rama Chattopadhyay. Their son, Taradas, was born in 1947. Bandopadhyay died on 1 November 1950, in Ghatshila. The cause of death was identified as a heart attack.

The objective of the tour was to make the students aware of the life and works of the Indian author irrespective of his linguistic affiliation. The students enjoyed the tour and suggested to organize such tours in frequent times to inculcate literary interest in them. The Rotary Club of Jamshedpur and Govt. of Jharkhand have preserved the clothes, pens, manuscripts and some other household items of the author. The house has been renovated as well.

The students were thankful to the University for making such an opportunity for them.

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