

Name of the Event: Educational Excursion to Alipore Jail Museum

Category: Academic Excursion / Field Visit

Organizing Unit: Department of English, RKSMVV

Date: 30.01.2025

Time: 11 am onwards

Venue: Alipore Jail Museum, Kolkata

Number of Participants: 24

20 students (UG - 1st and 3rd semesters), 4 faculty members

Brief Description of the Event: As part of the department's effort to integrate experiential learning into literary studies, the Department of English organised an educational excursion to the Alipore Jail Museum on 30th January 2025. The trip aimed to deepen students' understanding of colonial history, the freedom struggle, and carceral narratives by situating them in a space that historically encapsulates the stories of resistance, sacrifice, and identity—major thematic concerns in postcolonial and historical literature.



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Outcome of the Event:

The excursion significantly enhanced the students' interdisciplinary understanding of literature, history, and space. It offered them a vivid, physical connection to the colonial past and the narratives of political resistance. Additionally, the trip encouraged critical engagement with historical artifacts, visual archives, and spatial symbolism—skills essential for higher-order literary analysis. The event successfully fulfilled its objective of combining academic relevance with experiential learning, making it a memorable and impactful initiative in the department's co-curricular calendar.



