Report of the Field Study undertaken by the Department of English, Kamargaon College Study Tour to Tezpur University Library, Various Departments, and Kanyaka Bahumukhi Pam on 4th April, 2024

Introduction:

As part of our commitment to experiential learning and fostering entrepreneurial agility among students, the Department of English, Kamargaon College, organized a study tour on April 4, 2024. A total of 20 students from the Sixth and Fourth semesters participated in this visit, which included educational exposure at Tezpur University's library and various academic departments, followed by a visit to Kanyaka Bahumukhi Pam. This report highlights our observations, key learnings, and insights gained from the field study.

Visit to Tezpur University Library and Departments:

Our study tour commenced at Tezpur University, where students explored the central library, renowned for its vast collection of academic resources, digital repositories, and research facilities. The library staff provided an overview of how to access scholarly journals, digital archives, and literary databases, enriching our research capabilities.

Following this, we visited different departments where faculty members briefed us on interdisciplinary research opportunities, language and literature studies, and contemporary pedagogical methods. The students interacted with professors and research scholars, gaining valuable insights into higher education and academic pursuits in English studies.

Visit to Kanyaka Bahumukhi Pam:

The second half of our tour took us to Kanyaka Bahumukhi Pam, a remarkable initiative in sustainable agriculture and rural entrepreneurship led by Shri Padma Hazarika. The visit provided students with firsthand knowledge of how agricultural innovation can drive self-reliance and economic growth in Assam.

Key Learnings from Kanyaka Bahumukhi Pam:

- Sustainable Agriculture Practices: Kanyaka has transformed 250 hectares of barren land into a thriving agricultural hub by adopting Good Agricultural Practices (GAP).
 The farm cultivates diverse vegetables and cash crops, demonstrating the potential of scientific farming.
- 2. Organic and Industrial Ventures: The initiative's commitment to organic farming ensures high-quality, eco-friendly produce. Additionally, its industrial expansion, including the Kanyaka Mustard Oil Mill (2019) and Kanyaka Rice Mill (2020), has empowered local farmers by offering fair pricing and eliminating middleman exploitation.
- 3. **Revival of Indigenous Crops:** The farm plays a crucial role in preserving Assam's agricultural heritage by protecting and promoting indigenous rice varieties like Kunkuni Joha, Podumi Joha, Koli Joha, and Maloti Madhuri.
- 4. **Dairy and Poultry Farming:** The establishment of a mini dairy plant in 2021 and poultry farming initiatives have provided farmers with sustainable income opportunities, ensuring economic stability in the region.
- 5. **Entrepreneurial Inspiration:** Kanyaka's diversification into beekeeping, fisheries, weaving, and hospitality illustrates the power of integrated entrepreneurship. The ecofriendly bamboo cottages and traditional Assamese restaurants within the farm promote agro-tourism and cultural heritage.

Conclusion:

The study tour was an enlightening experience, bridging academic knowledge with real-world applications. Our visit to Tezpur University enhanced our understanding of literary research and academic resources, while Kanyaka Bahumukhi Pam provided a deeper appreciation for sustainable development and entrepreneurship in Assam. The students left with a renewed perspective on the importance of self-reliance, innovation, and interdisciplinary learning. This field study has significantly contributed to our academic growth and entrepreneurial mindset, reinforcing our commitment to knowledge, sustainability, and community development.

Glimpses of the Educational Tour cum field work undertaken in Tezpur University and at Kanyaka Bohumukhi Pam





At the main gate of the Tezpur University



Librarian of Tezpur University imparting lesson on Library Digitzation



Students attending the session on Library Digitalization imparted by the Librarian



Students visiting the cultural studies department and their interaction with the Curator of the departmental museum





Students at the Dept. of Assamese, TU and their interaction with the Faculties



Students at the department of Linguistics and Language Technology, TU and their interaction with the faculties



Students at the Kanyaka Bohumukhi Pam





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