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**B.A./B.Sc. Project Work/ Field Work**

**Year: 2023**

- 1. Department :** Sociology
- 2. Semester :** 6<sup>th</sup> Semester
- 3. Paper name &Code:** DSE – B (4) Project: Fieldwork And Dissertation
- 4. Place of Visit :** Jogighat, Sittong, North Bengal
- 5. Date of Visit :** 16.2.2023 - 19.2.2023
- 6. Purpose of Visit:**

Educational tours can be very crucial and enhancing for academic courses. The department of Sociology, Basanti Devi College granted us the opportunity to explore our subject in a more practical form by visiting Sittong, from 16.2.2023 - 19.2.2023. The students were taken to an educational excursion, to Sittong, North Bengal. The research was divided into three groups to cover different aspect of that area. Students were to:

- 1) **Study the economic condition and the eco tourism perspective of this area.** North Bengal is an area with various territorial variations. These areas are unique from environmental Eco- perception. There are different climatic zones with distinctive attributes and medical plants available in this hilly region. North Bengal, which is traditionally known as a business hub for tea, timber and tourism is its strategic location. The area selected for research mainly relies on agro based production and tourism. Both of these aspects are affected by the type of natural resources or environment present there. While all the agro based

industry majorly contributes to the economy of these regions. Another factor that has a huge impact on the environment is tourism. Sittong area of North Bengal is a heterogeneous unit in respect of landform, climate, population etc. The economy is based mainly on agriculture and tourism. Natural environment being the biggest asset of this area has a massive impact on the people of that area in terms of economy and lifestyle. The scenario is vice versa. Lifestyle and economic actions have an impact on the natural environment.

- 2) **Study the culture of Sittong.** North Bengal is a treasure of rich culture and history. There are varieties of culture, music, literature, arts, crafts, etc. It also has an old prideful history. Geographically North Bengal is situated at the bottom of the Himalayas and this region has been serving as the gateway for trade and commerce as well as cultural relations and exchanges ideas with Tibet, China, Sikkim, Nepal, Bhutan, Assam and Bihar for this reason the people like Aryan, Indo-Mongolian etc. had assimilated here in this region. North Bengal is indeed considered as a miniature India because of its diversified culture. These areas tremendously influence by the surrounding area that changes the social life of this region. Due to modernization and globalization there has been noticeable cultural diffusion in on Northern Bengal. The culture here is greatly influenced by Vedic, Buddhist, Muslim and British customs as well as Hindu and Nepali cultures are seen to have diffused with each other in North Bengal. As a result there was noticeable influence on political, educational, economics and physical factors in this society that were influenced by the cultural diffusion.
- 3) **Study the health and hygiene of Sittong.** One of the important factors that is affecting public health care in the recent years in

addition to poor socioeconomic status of a large section of our people is the dismal expenditure which the government makes on health. Sociology actually understands health to be a function of social reality, health status varies from society to society depending upon the ability of the same to provide its members adequate income, employment, education, health awareness and nutrition in addition to institutional care. When the society provides the above to its people the latter have a higher health status compared to the society where the above are lacking. The present study tries to understand health and hygiene of Sittong. The present study on Health and hygiene aims at understanding the health status of Sittong. Keeping in mind the poor socioeconomic condition of Sittong, the study aims at understanding different dimensions of health in the rural setting. North Bengal has not been able to reap much benefit from the growth oriented development paradigm currently being followed by the government of India.

Through this research we have tried to understand and contemplate different socio- economic factors, the cultural influence of its surrounding and its impact on the people of Sittong and the health condition of the habitants of this area. The economy and its relationship with the environment have a massive impact on the livelihoods of the people of Sittong, which also impacts their health. The cultural diffusion has a clear influence on the livelihood of the residents of Sittong. All the objectives of the research were interrelated as a part of the sociological study. Through a detailed face to face interview method the students have successfully conducted the research.

## 7. Participants :

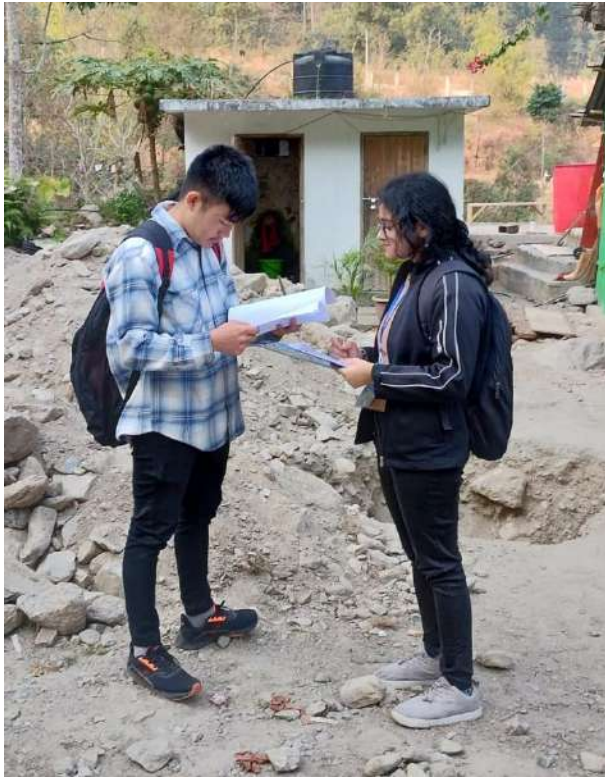
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## **10. Photographs**

### **a) Survey Conducted By Students**



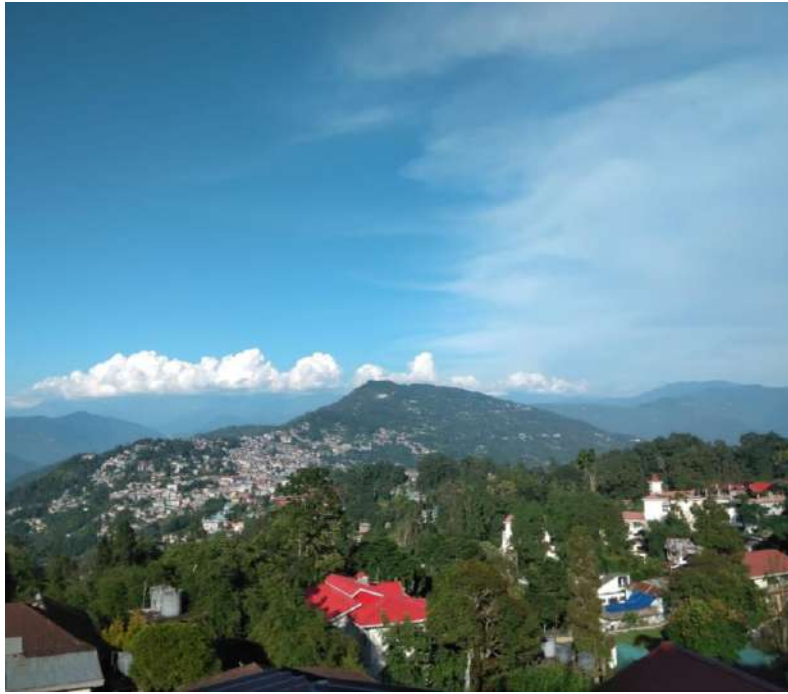




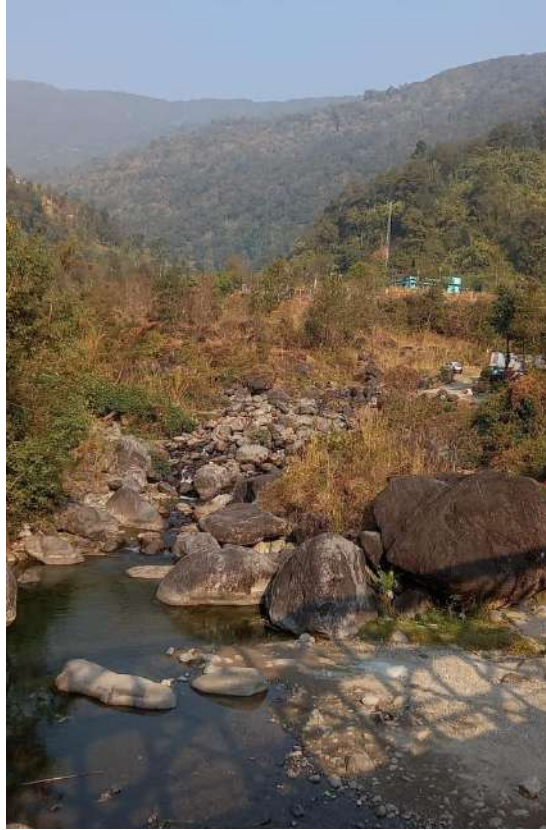




**b) Locations visited**









**c) Group photos**









