



Department of Psychology

Educational Excursion

Name of Department	Psychology
Place	SHELTER institution for “Children with Special Needs”, Bhadreswar, Hooghly
Date	26.04.2023
Participants	Undergraduate, general students of the Psychology Department from the 2nd, and 4th Semester
Number of Participants	16 (Sixteen)
Students learning outcome from the Educational Excursion	*Mental health awareness *Practical exposure enhances the knowledge of the students and helps them to understand the “children with special needs” better

SYNOPSIS OF THE EDUCATIONAL EXCURSION

An educational Tour was organized by the Department of Psychology on 26.04.2023 in the SHELTER school which is an institution for the education & training of persons with special needs. It has been working focusing on human rights and social justice for children with special needs. “Children with special needs” are those children who have disabilities and require exceptional care and extra help more than the typical healthy child. These children who have a disability or a combination of disabilities have difficulty in learning in a regular classroom setting and performing other regular day-to-day activities. Children with special needs include those who have intellectual disabilities, physical or sensory disabilities,

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developmental delays, medical conditions, psychiatric conditions, and/or congenital conditions.

The SHELTER institution has approximately 170 students with intellectual disabilities and other related conditions like autism, cerebral palsy, down syndrome, etc. The institution provides intervention through well-planned and comprehensive programmes in special education in a group setting as well as in individual educational programme mode; organizes need-based workshops, provides therapeutic services, community-based rehabilitation, and vocational training like crafting, tailoring, block printing, spice making, etc. Through this educational excursion, students of the Psychology department get the opportunity to observe how different types of need-based intervention can be provided to children with special needs to improve their basic life skills with minimal support, encourage their learning skills from their level of understanding, support the economic independence to some extent through different vocational training. This practical exposure enhances the knowledge of the students and helps them to understand the “children with special needs” better.

OBJECTIVES OF THE EDUCATIONAL EXCURSION

Educational tours are a crucial part of the academic program because they provide students the chance to learn outside of the classroom settings and gain practical experiences. The objectives of this Educational Excursion are-



- To understand “Children with Special Needs” from a broader perspective
- To learn about the different need-based special educational training opportunities available for the “Children with Special Needs” and how these children can be engaged in accordance with their ability and interest.
- To explore the early intervention programs available like – psychoeducation of parents, orientation, and support to the parents, different therapeutic services available for children and they can benefit through these early intervention programs.

OUTCOMES

The journey of education of ‘Children with Special Needs’ has been constantly evolving and attaining more towards the betterment of these children. Through this excursion, psychology students were able to gain a better understanding of 'children with special needs' and developed an understanding of how they should interact with these children in the future more empathetically and respectfully. Students were also provided an overview that it is possible to empower the “children with special needs” by utilizing their potential through proper need-based education, training, and supportive services, making them personally, socially, and occupationally independent to some extent with minimal support. Each individual can provide meaning and purpose to their life by merely considering them as part of our society, respecting them, supporting them, and encouraging them. Education is a powerful source of social change and often initiates upward movement in the social structure. This kind of education excursion helps to narrow down the gap between the different segments of society.



STUDENTS FEEDBACKS

1. Piya Dey

General Course Student, 4th Semester

Through this Educational tour, we develop a comprehensive and holistic understanding of 'Children with Special Needs'. We gained so much knowledge besides classroom teaching. After this educational tour, we will also encourage and hope others will support and treat these children respectfully. Overall, it was a great experience.

2. Prerna Nakhoda

Honours Student, 2nd Semester

It was a great opportunity for us as we got the chance to interact and observe the 'Children with Special Needs'. Initially, we were a little apprehensive about how to interact with these children but the children were very friendly and interactive. These Educational tours help us to overcome our stigma regarding mental health. We learned a lot, made new friends, and had a great time. This was an excellent educational tour.



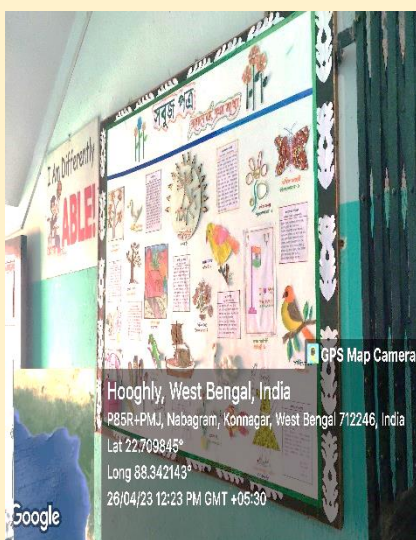
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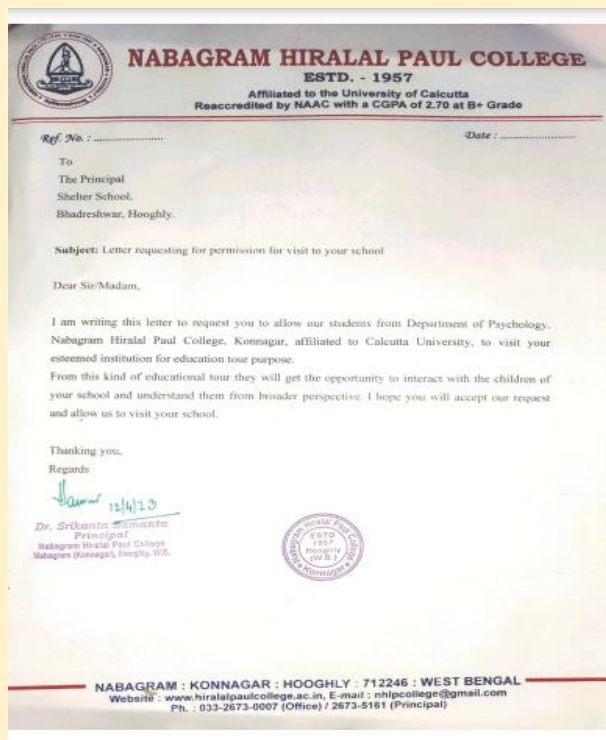
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