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**Field Trip to Tarabari Char with Prof. Zoja
Karanovic and Dragana Ratcovic**

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Today, the 29th of September, 2022 a trip to Tarabari Char in the river Brahmaputra was organized with the Resource Persons of the Distinguished International Lecture on ‘Folk Legends about Flying Churches in Serbia’ held on 28th Sept., 2022 in the college namely, Prof. Zoja Karanovic, Retd. Professor, University of Novi Sad, Serbia and Dragana Ratkovic, Principal Research Fellow, Serbian Language Institute of SASA, Serbia. Three faculty members namely, Aminur Rahman, Dr. Gopal Kr. Sarma and Dr. Bhupen Rabha along with some students accompanied the resource persons. The main aim of the fieldtrip was to get a peek into the livelihood of people living in riverine areas of the river Brahmaputra and to understand the living conditions and challenges faced by people living in such areas.

The team reached Bahari and travelled to the destination on a boat. The resource persons really enjoyed the journey as it was their first time travelling in a small motor boat. The visited a school, ‘Tarabari Char Prathamik Vidyalay’ and talked to the students and teachers. The students had a great time with the international guests. Dragana Ratkovic even sang a traditional Serbian song to the utter surprise of all present. The team also interacted with the guardian members.

The people living in Char areas do not have access to quality education and this impacts their future prospects. This also leads to a lack of awareness about helath and hygiene practices which can further exacerbate the health issues faced by the people living in these areas. One of the main problems of the school in char areas is that, the schools are either closed down or shifts to other places due to flood each year. The students too keep changing schools.

Additionally, the char areas do not have access to electricity. However, the govt. has issued solar lights to deal with the situation.

The field trip to riverine areas was crucial to understanding the challenges faced by people living in these areas. It is of utmost importance to gain a better understanding of the challenges that the people in char areas face. This would indeed help to develop empathy and take action to address them, ultimately contributing to creating a more equitable society. The team then interacted with the people living there and returned with a zeal to do something for better living conditions of the char people.

Fig.1. Snapshot of Prof. Zoja Karanovic, Dragana Ratkovic , Aminur Rahman and the students and guardians of Char Area.



Fig.2. Snapshot of the team travelling to Tarabari Char



Fig.3. Snapshot of the Resource persons from Serbia



Fig.4. Snapshot of the team with the teachers of Tarabari Char Prathamik Vidyalay

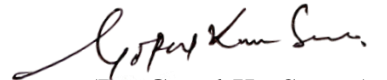


Fig.5. Snapshot of the team with the students of Tarabari Char Prathamik Vidyalay



Fig.6. Snapshot of the accompanying students Aftar and Hafijur




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