

## **Educational Excursion to Gopalpur, Odisha**

The Department of Geography, Barasat Government College, orchestrated an enlightening seven-day field study tour to Gopalpur, Odisha. The field trip was taken place from 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 up to 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2019. This academic expedition aimed to deepen students' understanding of physical feature as well as the man-environment relationship of a coastal town.

On the morning of 11th November, 2019 the students of 3rd Year Hons. Geography, along with faculty members of the department, embarked on a seven-day geographical field trip to Gopalpur, Odisha. Following a night train journey to Gopalpur, the field survey begun. Here, the faculty members took the opportunity to provide a comprehensive briefing on the development of coastal landforms. The students were made to identify some landforms such as rapids, beach dunes etc. Students also conducted beach profile survey and house hold survey to study the

physical and cultural characteristics of Gopalpur.



**Pic: Our 3rd Year Excursion team at Brahmapur Station**



**Pic: Students doing profile survey at Gopalpur Beach**

The students were given exposure on how field trips provide a 'real-world' opportunity for students to develop and extend their geographical thinking and add value to classroom experiences. The students not only discovered and explored the different geographical landforms but also actively engaged with locals and shared responsibility to protect and cherish the region's natural environment.