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Report on field trip and exposure visit to Bell Metal Cluster of Sarthebari

A field trip and exposure visit was organised on 30th March 2024 for the 6th semester students of our department of Economics to the historic bell metal industry of Assam located at Sarthebari in the district of Barpeta with an objective to understand about this industry.

The bell-metal industry of Assam is the second largest handicraft sector after bamboo craft. Bell-metal is an alloy of copper and tin and the craftsmen of this industry are referred to as 'Kahar' or 'Orja'. The objects made are mostly used in domestic and religious purposes. Large number households carry out this industry that expertises in making Sarais, Bota, Ban-Batis, Thals, glasses etc.

We visited the houses of the artisans who are divided into different clusters based on the processing and manufacturing of different products out of bell metal.

We also visited the office of The Assam Co Operative Bell Metal Utensil Manufacturing Society Ltd which is currently a 84 years 7 months old Society incorporated on 18-Aug-1939, having its registered office located at 58, Sarukhetri, Sarthebari Nasatra Road, Sarthebari, Assam.

The major activity of The Assam Co Operative Bell Metal Utensil Manufacturing Society Ltd is Manufacturing, Sub-classified into Other manufacturing and is primarily engaged in the Manufacture of other products .

The students had a great opportunity to interact with the artisans and the officials of the cooperative society and gained depth knowledge about the bell metal industry of Assam.

Glimpses of Field Trip





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