



COSSIMBAZAR PALACE OF THE ROYS (RAJBARI)

12 Cossimbazar Road, P.O : Cossimbazar Raj
Cossimbazar - 742102, DIST- Murshidabad, India.

To
The Principal
DON BOSCO SCHOOL, BERHAMPORE
Respected Sir / Madam ,
Cossimbazar Palace of the Roys (Rajbari) takes pleasure in welcoming you and your students to come and be a part of the Celebrations on the occasion of "Palace Day" to be held in the Rajbari on 19th July 2023.

The Cossimbazar Palace of the Roys was built over 10 generations by the Roys, the oldest construction dates back to 1735.

Before the battle of Plassey, Cossimbazar used to be an industrialised city and an international port where the Europeans like Dutch, French, Armenians and British used to travel from their respective countries by ships and anchor them at the Jetty of Cossimbazar. During this time the business of the Roy family used to be export of Murshidabad Silk to European Countries.

After the battle of Plassey the port closed down and Industries collapsed. The new business opportunity was the Landed Aristocracy under the British Rule.

Successive generations of the Roy family were given the title of "Raja" by the Government in Recognition of various charities and benevolent works done by them to the society. After Independence in 1947 the estates were acquired by the Government and the palace could not be maintained and remained closed to the public for almost 60 years.

Subsequently restoration work has been going on for almost 20 years to turn the palace back to its former glory.

The Palace is a set of Grand buildings comprising beautiful Front Facade, Gardens, Durbar Hall, Staircases, Clock Tower, Several Temples including a Chandimandap and Private Residence. Today the Palace also operates as a Heritage Hotel and is recognized by the Ministry of Tourism Govt. of India and has 14 beautifully decorated Guest Rooms, Restaurant, The Sugarr & Spice Confectionery shop, Roopkatha Boutique- a Souvenir Shop selling Murshidabad Silk, Sola, Blown Glass and many other locally produced art objects. The Rajbari is also an important tourist destination of Murshidabad District and is the home of the Roy family.



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Cossimbazar Palace of the Roys (Rajbari) is a part of the International Network of European Royal Residences. Under the guidance of this network "Palace Day" is celebrated every year on 19th July with a special theme.

This year - Astronomy, Astrology and Mythology is the common thread for discovering paintings with symbols, hidden artwork /frescos depicting mythological figures/ figurines that were created by master artisans to depict secret messages or meanings. This is an invitation to everyone to come and discover the hidden symbols, decrypt the allegories and share the mythological stories. On this occasion it is our pleasure to invite the students to come and be a part of the "Palace Day" celebrations.

Agenda:

1. 9.30 -11 AM Sit and Draw Competition using Water Colour- subject- Mythology. Participants are to bring their own colour set and other accessories, the drawing paper will be supplied at the venue.

Category 1 : Cls. 5 to 7
Category 2 : Cls. 8 to 10

2. Guided tour of the Rajbari to be conducted in 2 batches- 11-11.30 AM and 12-12.30 PM. Teachers are requested to please accompany the students. A line of confirmation of the participation in drawing competition and Guided tour of the Palace (name and class) to the Whatsapp number 9831031108 latest by 15th July 2023 will be highly appreciated.

Looking forward to welcoming you in person-

Prosanta Kumar Roy, Supriya Roy, Pallab Roy, Sudeshna Roy, Saurav Roy and Priya Roy.