

## **NSU MDS Students Experience “Community Enterprise Approach”**

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As a part of the Dynamics of Rural Development (DEV 564) course of the MDS program offered by the department of economics, Dr. Nazrul Islam, Visiting Professor of the department organised a day long field visit for the students of the course on 23 November 2019. Students visited a flood plain aquaculture project for rural development program of SHISUK (an NGO) at Daudkandi and gathered practical experience of a “Community Enterprise Approach (CEA)”. Mr Sakiul Millat Morshed, Executive Director of SHISUK kindly hosted and facilitated this field visit. During the visit Mr. Morshed briefed the students on the project’s background, aims, achievements and challenges. He also gave a lecture on the concepts and application of the “Community Enterprise Approach” model. The students went around the project area and interacted with the community members, clients and beneficiaries of the project and collected relevant data using their own developed evaluation framework of rural development model. The students developed an understanding of the complexity involved in managing rural development projects and how Community Enterprise Approach (CEA) can be effective for rural development where Common Resource Pool (CRP) issues are involved in flood plain areas of Bangladesh.

