

## STUDY TOUR REPORT

With the aim to create holistic education for the students, the Department of Sociology organised a study tour to Meghalaya for the V Semester students from 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2022. 16 students participated and Miss Lalhruiatluangi, Guest Faculty was appointed as an escort teacher.

We started our journey from Thuampui Bus Terminal, Aizawl on 12<sup>th</sup> December. Dr. K. Laldailova, HoD, Department of Economics saw us off with a prayer and our journey began at 2:20 PM. We reached our destination on 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7:15 AM and went straight to Shillong Mizoram House where we stayed throughout our study tour. The place was clean and quiet and we thank the staffs for their warm hospitality. The serene and peaceful ambiance of the neighbourhood was perfect for a light morning stroll. After rested for a while, we went to visit the celebrated North Eastern Hill University (NEHU) where we had an insightful interaction with Prof. D.V. Kumar, Department of Sociology. We then wandered around the magnificent campus and visited the Central Library which was an eye-opening experience for us.



In the early morning of 14<sup>th</sup> December, we started our journey to Cherrapunji, a town in the East Khasi Hills District, which brims with glistening beauty of nature. We made our first stop at the Lynksiar Falls, we were awestruck by the pristine beauty and the crystal clear water. Then we visited sites such as the Janailar Falls, Pynursia Falls and Mawsmai Cave. Our reception of these places was nothing short of spectacular and we were surprised to witness that no garbage or debris was in sight. This served as a piece of clear evidence of their values and morals and the respect they had for their revered places. On our way back, we visited the Thomas Jones School of Mission, formerly known as Cherra Theological College, a pioneer institution of its kind in North-Eastern India.



The following day, we began our journey at 8:00 in the morning. We made our first stop at The Living Root Bridge, Riwai Village. It was an enchanting sight with the sun glistering through the reflection of the small river peacefully lingering the bridge. We proceeded our day as we went to Mawlynnong, notable for its cleanliness and has been named as Asia's cleanest village. The place was so calming and every nook and cranny was a sight for a sore eye. We made our final stop of the day at the famous Dawki



River. The moment we set our eyes on the place, we were taken aback by the natural beauty of the clear crystal river. We rode on a boat and got to experience the majestic beauty of the river and its scenery as we were gently drifting on the surface of the water. As we went back the sun was already setting and yet again we were in awe and beyond blessed to witness God's spectacular creations.



The next day, we were getting a little tired after our long trips in the past two days, so we gave ourselves ample time to rest in the morning and headed out to the city at noon. We first visited the Cathedral of Mary Help of Christians, located in the heart of Shillong. Then we went to Shillong's famous Ward's Lake and spent some time in the beautiful park. This particular day was mostly spent for knowing the city better as we walked through the city solely by foot, experiencing the spirit of Shillong similar to that of the local people. Though tiresome at the time, it was fun to recollect these small trivial moments after we got home.



On Saturday morning, we packed our belongings and thoroughly cleaned our surroundings as we were about to go home later at night. We went to the market and source the best of things to bring home for our loved ones. We started our homeward journey at around 10:00 PM as we said goodbye to the beautiful city and reached Aizawl on 18<sup>th</sup> December.

There are not enough words to express our sincerest gratitude to all the faculty members of the Department of Sociology and our respected Principal for making this momentous study tour possible. All in all, our Meghalaya study tour was an experience of a lifetime. The tour has no doubt strengthened our bond, provided us with information in many areas and taught us a lot about the values and culture of the locals, their work ethics and their attitude towards their geographical sites.

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