

PACHHUNGA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY
STUDY TOUR TO PHAWNGPUI NATIONAL PARK
REPORT

Introduction:

A field visit was conducted for the 6th semester students of the Department of Zoology, Pachhunga University College on the 17th of February 2020 to the 21st of February 2020 (Five days) to Phawngpui National Park, an important biodiversity reserve located in the southern part of Mizoram. A total of twenty-two (22) students were accompanied by one teaching faculty and three non-teaching faculties of the college.

The destination:

Phawngpui National Park is one of the two national parks situated in the state of Mizoram. The park is located approximately 300 kms from Aizawl city with a coordinate of 22°40'N 93°03'E. Besides being a national park, the highest mountain peak of the state, Phawnpui tlang, often called Blue Mountain, is present. The peak of the mountain is reported to be 2157 m above sea level. The national park is habitat to many wild flora and fauna, some of which are reported to be endemic to the Indo-Myanmar forests. Among these plants and animals, the famous Mrs. Hume's pheasant, the state bird of Mizoram is one of them.

Activities:

The students made careful observations on the various flora and fauna of the national park. However, no specimens were collected since no biological article must not be collected from a national park. However, the students got to witness many important wild plants and animals in their biological habitat. Real-time on the spot lectures on the biodiversity of Phawngpui National Park were conducted by the faculty.

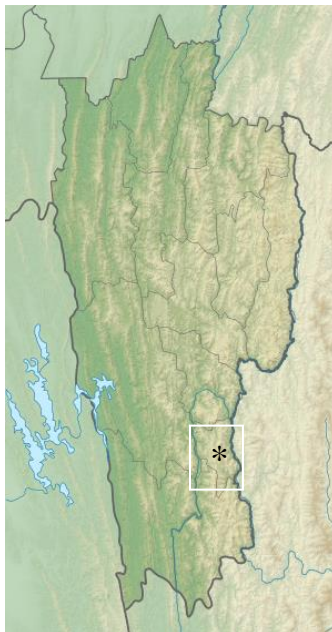


Figure 1: Mizoram map showing the location of Phawngpui National Park.



Figure: Photo at the peak of Phawngpui Tlang.



Figure: Students with faculty at one of the base camp.

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