

PACHHUNGA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY
STUDY TOUR TO PALAK DIL
REPORT

Introduction:

A field visit was conducted for the 6th semester students of the Department of Zoology, Pachhunga University College on the 25th of February 2019 to the 1st of March 2019 (Five days) to Palak Dil (Palak Wildlife sanctuary), the biggest lake in the state of Mizoram located in Siaha District, 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:

Palak Dil. Or Pala Tipu, is the largest lake of Mizoram. It is located in the southern part of the state in Siaha District and serves as an important biodiversity reserve of the state. Surrounded by dense vegetation, the lake has been reported to host many important wild flora and fauna. The lake is located at a coordinate of 22°20'N 92°56'E. Besides being a the largest water body of the state of Mizoram, the lake is also the destination of many migratory birds.

Activities:

Students made careful observations on the various flora and fauna surrounding the lake. Plankton specimens were collected for observation at the laboratory. Besides this, no other specimens were collected. However, the students got to witness many important wild plants, birds and animals in their biological habitat. Real-time on the spot lectures on the biodiversity of Palak Dil were conducted by the faculty.



Figure 1: Mizoram map showing the location of Palak Dil.



Photo: On the way to Palak Dil. Location: Kawlchaw Bridge (22.4040° N, 92.9562° E).



Photo: Students with faculty at Palak Dil.

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