

Heritage Walk Report

Exploring All Saints Cathedral Church, Shillong

Date: September 30th, 2022

Organized by:

Indiatourism, Shillong, Ministry of Tourism Government of India,

In association with:

YUVA Tourism Club, Lady Keane College, Shillong

YUVA Tourism Club:

The Ministry of Tourism in India aims to leverage its large youth population and demographic dividend by launching the "YUVA Tourism" campaign in 2022 as part of India@75 celebrations. The campaign's central initiative involves creating Tourism Clubs targeting schools, colleges, and working-age groups. The objectives of these clubs include educating young minds about India's diverse cultures and geography, fostering an appreciation for the educational value of travel and tourism, promoting responsible tourism practices, and training students as skilled tourist guides and hospitality volunteers. The clubs will also facilitate better coordination for study tours and student exchange programs, encouraging youth to explore the country's tourism opportunities early on.

The YUVA Tourism Club of Lady Keane College was inaugurated on 28th May, 2022, in the present of the Principal of the College Dr. D K B Mukhim, Faculty Coordinator Mr. Wanpynsuk Makri, Head of the Department of Tourism and Travel Management Miss. Montimon Diengdoh, Mr. Londoner Murphy Sohtun (Asst.prof) Department of Tourism and Travel Management, Mr. Sushant B Surong and Miss. Hakamelamphylla Mawroh (Asst.prof) Department of Tourism and Travel Management.

The proposed activities by these Tourism Clubs align with the government's vision and include organizing various competitions to foster creativity and engagement, integrating travel and tourism into the educational curriculum, and promoting sustainable and responsible tours in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These tours will aim to minimize their impact on natural areas while providing opportunities for travelers to interact with local communities and understand their cultures and traditions. Furthermore, the clubs will encourage tourism during off-peak periods to boost local economies, combine tourism with various tournaments to engage students in exciting activities, and discover lesser-known destinations, providing travel itineraries and tourism potential information. The use of social media feedback will also play a role in marketing Indian destinations and attracting more visitors to explore the country's rich natural and cultural heritage.

YUVA Tourism Club Members:

As per the instruction provided by the Ministry of Tourism Government of India, the tourism club members would be headed by one faculty and a student coordinator, responsible for functioning of the club. Member would consist of students with criteria of selection and limit decided by the institution, and the tourism club at this level to have minimum 25 student's members.

At Present there are 181 students responded and enrolled as members of the club from various departments, headed by:-

1. Faculty Coordinator: Mr. Wanpynsuk Makri (Assistant Professor, DTTM, LKC)
2. Student Coordinator: Ms. Philawanbet Rymbai (BTTM, 4th Semester)
3. Assistant Student Coordinator: Ms. Diya Narzari, (Sociology, 4th Semester)

Student Members Yuva-Tourism, Lady Keane College:

Sl No	Department	No of Student Enrolled
1	BTTM	72
2	Botany	6
3	BCA	4
4	Biochemistry	2
5	Chemistry	8
6	Economics	4
7	English	15
8	Education	7
9	History	5
10	Khasi	5
11	Mathematics	1
12	Political Science	19
13	Sociology	19
14	Zoology	7
15	Philosophy	7
	Total	181

About the Heritage Walk

A captivating exploration of history, culture, and architectural marvel unfolded on September 30, 2022, as Indiaturism, Shillong, in collaboration with the YUVA Tourism Club of Lady Keane College, organized a Heritage Walk at the All Saints Cathedral Church in Shillong.

Objective:

As part of the celebrations for India's 75 years of independence, the event aimed to provide students with an immersive experience into the rich heritage of the region and promote cultural understanding among the youth.

Participants:

1. Faculty coordinator- Mr. Wanpynsuk Makri
2. Ms. Parijat Baruah, Tourist Information Officer of Indiaturism, Shillong
3. Rev. Himanshu Christian, All Saints Cathedral Church, Shillong
4. 23 student members of the club.

Event highlights:

The Heritage Walk commenced at the iconic All Saints Cathedral Church, a living testament to Shillong's historical significance and architectural brilliance. Led by the knowledgeable Ms. Parijat Baruah, Tourist Information Officer of Indiaturism, Shillong, and the event brought together 23 enthusiastic students from the YUVA Tourism Club, Lady Keane College, under the guidance of Rev. Himanshu Christian of the Church and Mr. Wanpynsuk Makri, Faculty Coordinator, Department of Tourism and Travel Management, of the College.

The heritage walk embarked on a journey through time, unveiling the layers of history and culture preserved within the walls of the All Saints Cathedral Church. Rev. Himanshu Christian shed light on the architectural details, historical anecdotes, and the spiritual significance of the church.

Participants were treated to a captivating narrative of the church's origin, tracing back to its establishment in the colonial era. As they walked through the intricate corridors, participants marveled at the neo-gothic architecture, stained glass windows, and intricate woodwork that adorned the church's interiors. The insightful commentary illuminated the fusion of architectural styles, reflecting the multicultural influences that have shaped Shillong's identity.

Financial Statements:

The "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav," Heritage Walk to "All Saints Cathedral Church, Shillong" which is part of the celebrations for India's 75 years of independence and is organized in association with Yuva Tourism Club, Lady Keane College, Shillong, the cost and expenditure were being funded by Indiatourism Shillong, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, in kind.

Outcomes:

1. The heritage walk wasn't just about architecture; it was an opportunity to dive into the cultural tapestry of the region. Participants learned about the role of the church as a cultural center, witnessing its connection to various community events, festivities, and social gatherings that have played a vital role in the lives of Shillong's residents.
2. The Heritage Walk succeeded in captivating the participants' imagination and fostering a deeper appreciation for Shillong's history and cultural heritage. Through engaging interactions, students had the chance to ask questions, share insights, and develop a more comprehensive understanding of the church's significance.

The Heritage Walk at All Saints Cathedral Church was a resounding success, offering participants a remarkable opportunity to engage with Shillong's past and culture. The collaborative efforts of Indiatourism, Shillong, the YUVA Tourism Club, and Lady Keane College, along with the valuable insights provided by Ms. Parijat Baruah, Rev. Himanshu Chrsitian, and Mr. Wanpynsuk Makri, ensured an educational and enriching experience for all the club members involved. The event truly embodied the spirit of preserving and celebrating India's rich heritage, as part of the The "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" celebrations for India's 75 years of independence.





A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wanpynsuk Makri".

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