

Field Trip to Malai Forest

Experiential Learning

on the Paper

BTM 402: Tourism Impacts

**Department of Tourism and Travel
Management**

Lady Keane College

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1. A report on the Fieldtrip to Malai Forest

The Department of Tourism and Travel management organized a fieldtrip for students of 4th semester on 8th and 9th of April 2022, Jorhat, based under **the objective** of “Educational importance of tourism and how it triggers deforestation as a mode for its infrastructural development and ways to counter this issue through sustainable approaches”.

The fieldtrip also involved students interacting with Padma Shri awardee Jadav Payeng, who is also known as the 'The Forest Man of India’.

As an outcome of this trip:

1. Students were able to understand how the environment influences and modifies plant growth and yields.
2. Students were able to understand the factors affecting the need to find sustainable practices for maintenance of forest growth and its overall maintenance.

This is the initial phase for such kind of activities and the department plans to organize such exposure trips frequently as an effort to instill a sense of responsibility towards protection of the environment and biodiversity in today’s youths.

Following this event, students were asked to make PowerPoint presentations and to share the experience with the students of other semesters of the department.

The tour started on the morning of April 8, 2022 where by the students were picked up from College campus and the journey took around 9 hours till the destination which is a campsite set out on the bank of the mighty river Brahmaputra called Adventure Destination. It was a two days tour and on the first day, the students spent the evening time exploring the campsite and the river bank followed by a camp fire and dinner savouring the local delicacies of the Mising tribe. The camp site spread across the river bank and small huts were built to accommodate guests, adventure activities like zip lining, military net, biking trails, boating are also available.

The meeting with the Padmashree awardee, Shri Jadhav Payeng was scheduled on the second day, the 9th of April 2022. The group first met the “Forest man of India” at his residence which is located in the midst of the forest which also serve as a watch tower for him to view animals and birds. The impression that everyone derived about this influential man on the first meeting was ‘man with a vision’, because this is the man who at the age of 6 years old realized that something needed to be done to create harmony and coexistence of both human and animals. He started planting a tree a day in the barren areas of Malai forest and make it a home to many wild animals. Over 40 years of planting trees, now the Malai forest is a very dense forest and the number of animals inhabitant also grew. His viable ideas of ecosystem protections and conservation gained the attention of the Government and the entire country and was honoured with “Padma Shree” award in 2015.

His work has inspired many including a children’s book title, ‘Jadav and the Tree Place’ which is about a man who made a forest for wild animals.

The BTTM students were fortunate to have met the ‘Forest man of India’ and had a series of interaction with him. Questions and doubts from the students were cleared out by him. Students

showed interest and were also inspired by his ideas, approaches, passion and efforts in converting a 550 hectares barren land into a lush green forest. What he stressed was on knowledge that “nature strives on its own, human just have to protect it” and to people who wants to know his story his reply was “I just plant tree and I want you to do the same”.

2. Proposal

Dated: 04.04.2022

To,
Dr. D.K.B Mukhim
The Principal
Lady Keane College

Subject: Field trip to Malai forest, Jorhat - *request for fund*

Respected Sir,

As per the subject cited above, we would like to take students of 4th semester of BTM department to Jorhat, Malai forest for a fieldtrip on the 8th & 9th of April, 2022, based on the approach of sustainable development as part of studying the importance of forest conservation under the paper BTM 402 Tourism Impacts. The fieldtrip will involve an interaction with the renowned environmental activist and Padma Shree awardee Mr. Jadhav Payeng known as the "Forest man of India".


The aim is to have an awareness program based on the educational importance of tourism and how it triggers deforestation as a mode for its infrastructural development and ways to counter this issue through sustainable approaches.

Secondly, to promote the Department of Tourism and Travel Management, Lady Keane College as a centre for learning and gaining professional knowledge for tourism industry.


Looking forward to your consideration and approval on the above matter.

The budget of the trip is on the next page

Thank you


Ms Montimon Diengdoh
Head of Department
Lady Keane College

Acctt
Rs. 35,000/- sanctioned
P. do the needful.
04.04.22
Principal
Lady Keane College, Shillong

Please transfer the amount to Mr. Seshant B. Sarang.

4/7/22

3. Names of students

Sl/No.	Names	Semester
1	Banrisuklang Marngar	IV
2	Enrichment Dkhar	IV
3	Ibadalang Sylliang	IV
4	Baphira Thawmuit	IV
5	Emaia Phika Passah	IV
6	Nancy Blene Tongper	IV
7	Metung Cheda	IV
8	Ngangkham Babyna	IV
9	Larren Rida Niewkor Massar	IV
10	Ladianghun Nongsiej	IV
11	Dado Rita Talang	IV
12	Philawanbet Rymbai	IV
13	Montimon Diengdoh	Faculty
14	Sushant B Surong	Faculty

4. Statement of expenditure

Date: 18th May 2022

To
The Principal
Lady Keane College
Shillong.

Subject: Statement of expenditure incurred during the visit and meeting with Padmashree awardee Shri Jadhav Payeng on 8th and 9th April 2022 by the 4th semester students of BTM.

Dear Sir,

The Department of Tourism and Travel Management has taken the 4th semester students for a visit and meeting with the Padmashree awardee, the Forest Man of India, Shri Jadhav Payeng on 8th and 9th April 2022. The visit was a successful one since students interacted with the renowned environmentalist and as a report on the learning outcomes of the trip, the students will be giving a presentation (date to be decided) to other students of the department. Therefore, the department is very grateful for your support and guidance on this matter.

I would also like to submit the statement of expenditure incurred during the visit. The total amount received was Rs. 35,000.00 (Thirty five thousand only). The total expenditure is Rs. 41,800 (Forty one thousand eight hundred only). The remaining amount has been adjusted from the department.

Statement of expenditure:

Sl/No.	Particulars	Bill No.	Amount
1	Transportation (Bus fare) Shillong to Jorhat-Jorhat to Shillong for two days	Invoice no. 10	Rs. 25,000.00
2	Lodging and Food (1200-14)	Invoice no. 8	Rs. 16,800.00
Total amount			Rs. 41,800.00

*Expenditure as per mentioned of ₹ 35,000/-
Rupees (Thirty five thousand only)*

Thank you.

MS
18/5/22

Ms. Montimon Diengdoh
D/Tourism and Travel Management
Lady Keane College.

[Signature]
Principal
Lady Keane College, Shillong

5. Photographs



Mr Jadhav Payeng in his forest



Exploring Malai Forest



Students interacting with Mr Jadhav Payeng at his residence.