

Study Trip to Sohra on 30th April, 2022.

Objectives:

To acquaint students with life outside the classroom, experience other cultures, interact with other people, develop new relationships with their peers, develop various life skills like team-building, leadership, communication skills, etc. In particular, the visit to the Anthropological museum run by Ramkrishna Mission, provided interesting insight into various cultures and history.

Reports from the student, Department of Sociology:

A set of sleep deprived students wanting a getaway, aching to explore, moved out from the college one early morning on 30th April, 2022, in search of knowledge and a fun experience different from classroom learning.

In two hours we reached our first destination ie. Synrang ki Krem or Garden of Caves, Sohra. It is truly a splendour of nature, with rocky hillocks, boulders, small caves, springs, rain fed waterfalls, streams and warrior rocks, each having its own significance.

We all paused in awe and wonder at each spot, but spent more time listening to the roaring sounds of the waterfall. While standing in the middle of a dense forest, we realised that it was one of such places where which serve as a haven for poets to write, finding comfort in grey skies.

Our next destination was the Ramakrishna Mission Ashram Museum which is a little over 15 minutes' drive from the Caves.

The RKM museum is a well maintained one, with very informative insights into the preservation of the rich cultural heritage of northeast India where our teachers took the part as our guides, explaining each piece with so much enthusiasm such as the social hierarchy of Khasis, pattern of dwelling houses, jewellery, tools and equipments and most importantly the history of Dainthlen -the demon snake of Meghalaya / U thlen and also the legend behind the breathtaking Nohkalikai Falls which were all equally interesting and terrifying at the same time.

On our way back home we stopped by a fine restaurant situated amidst the quiet picturesque slopes of the enchanting hills for 'dunch' and a cup of tea where we chatted and interacted with each other, and managed to entirely change the atmosphere of the place with our loud chatter!

The irony was that even though we are senior honours students of Sociology, because of the pandemic, for some of us, it was really the first time that we actually got to socialise - starting with an exchange of timid smiles and soft hellos.

At the end of a long day, we arrived in college with dirty feet, messy hair, sparkling eyes, broad smiles and loud laughter, not to mention tired feet from spontaneous dancing along the journey!

All said, I still don't think any of us would be able to describe how our day exactly went - because the most beautiful experiences in life just cannot be translated into words.

Outcomes:

Students would be more confident in venturing out to face the future after leaving college. This would be beneficial in the advancement of their respective careers.

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