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REPORT ON THE STUDY TOUR**

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Report on The IING SAD located in Smit

The students of BA 6th Semester of Political Science, went to the study tour on the 29 April, 2022. There were 47 students along with five teachers.

We left the college at 10:00am and reached the Iing Sad at Smit around 11:00 am.

Kongor A. Diengdoh, the caretaker of the Iing Sad welcomed us. He is and also the husband of the Queen's mother.

The purpose of the study tour is to gain more knowledge and information about the Khasi Traditional Institution.



Syiemship is a 3-tier democratic traditional institution which consisted of the Lyngdohs, the Syiem and the Raid. The Iing Sad that we visited is located at Smit, East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya. The Iing Sad is the residence of the Syiem in the olden days. The Iing Sad at Smit owes its popularity to the annual festival "Ka Shad Nongkrem" a traditional dance held at the courtyard of the Iing Sad.



The Iing Sad is made of wooden oak tree. The thatched roof top is made of straw which is replaced before every festival. The veranda is known as 'Ka Tyngkong'.



The 'Kyrwoh' is sent to the other Lyngdohs located within the Hima Khyrim. The 'Kyrwoh' conveys messages to different Lyngdohs which notifies the date and time for a particular meeting to be held at the Iing Sad.



The house does not contain a single iron or nail. Wooden pegs are used since time immemorial.



The Corn Symbol in this door is the insignia of the 'Hima Khyrim' which signifies Purity and Prosperity. The Corn symbol was used since in the olden days whenever there was a famine all the people survived on corn.



This is a sacred room where rituals are performed. The Lyngdohs would bring lamb/goat which is pure white in colour which was kept in this room. The lamb/goat would be sacrificed as a thanksgiving to God.

In Conclusion, the study tour was a good experience. We were able to interact and gather some extra information. We are thankful to our teachers for giving us the opportunity to go for a study tour.

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