REPORT ON EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO JAMPUI HILLS

 $25^{th} - 27^{th}$ November, 2022

INTRODUCTION:

The Department of Sociology at Holy Cross College organized a three-day educational trip for its students to Jampui Hills in Tripura. The itinerary included visits to Betlingchhip (located in Phuldungsei), the highest peak in Tripura, and Vanghmun, renowned as the cleanest village in the state. The students also had the opportunity to explore the famous Orange gardens of Jampui Hills and immerse themselves in the local culture, gaining knowledge about various cultural aspects. Additionally, the students had gone on a field survey to gather information about the socio-economic conditions of the residents of Phuldungsei. This allowed them to gain a practical understanding of the challenges faced by the local community and the ways in which they cope with them. The field survey proved to be an enriching experience for the students, providing them with hands-on learning and valuable insights into the lives of the local people. During their visit, the students were also captivated by the mesmerizing sunrise and sunset, the eco-friendly surroundings, and the vibrant dance and music performances of the Bru and Mizo communities. The educational trip proved to be a resounding success as it provided the students with a comprehensive understanding of research methodologies to collect data and gain indepth knowledge about the cultures, traditions, social structures, and languages of the Bru (Reang) and Mizo communities of Jampui Hills. The experience also left an indelible mark on the students, providing them with invaluable and unforgettable memories that cannot be replaced by any other lesson.

OBJECTIVES OF EDUCATION TOUR:

- It aimed to familiarize the students with diverse socio-cultural patterns, value systems, and social practices prevalent in different parts of Tripura.
- It aimed to provide students with a broader understanding of different cultures through purposeful recreation, sightseeing, and discussions in various locations and environments.
- The trip also aimed to provide students with a hands-on learning experience on the application of various research methodologies to collect data, enabling them to develop a comprehensive understanding of the cultures, traditions, social structures, and languages of the local communities of Jampui Hills.

REPORTS FROM THE STUDENT, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

On the morning of November 25th, 2022, 31 students from BA(Hons) Sociology and 2 students from BA General who were tired of the monotonous city life and yearning for a break, set out from their college in search of knowledge and an enjoyable experience that went beyond the traditional classroom learning.

Our journey began early in the morning from Agartala by train and arrived at Pencharthal station at 11 am. From there, we were transported in two SUVs and one open roof top pick-up truck to Phuldungsei. The scenic view of the mountains during the journey was breathtaking. As we drove through the jungle, we passed by small bamboo houses on the hillsides, which were both stunning and slightly eerie. We arrived at our destination, MJ Homestay in Phuldungsei, around 3:45 pm. Upon arrival at the homestay, we were promptly served lunch. Following our meal, we were given some leisure time to explore the village of Phuldungsei. Later in the evening, a bonfire atmosphere was arranged by the homestay, where some of us sat together near the fire.

The next day, a group of early risers witnessed a serene sunrise from the rooftop of their homestay between the hours of 4:00am and 6:00am. After taking in the picturesque views and snapping some photos, the group came down to enjoy a delicious breakfast. Following breakfast, each student was given a survey sheet before embarking on a trek to Betlingchhip, the highest peak in Tripura. The view from the watchtower at the peak was breathtaking, offering a stunning panoramic vista of the Jampui hills. Upon returning from the trek, we were split up into four teams, each accompanied by a local guide. We conducted a survey of the local households, using the guides as interpreters to facilitate communication. The survey revealed that the economy of the Jampui hills was largely dependent on orange and arecanut plantation farming, as well as jhum cultivation. The residents of Phuldungsei followed a set of community norms, such as restrictions on chicken farming and keeping pigs in pens. The group also observed that the locals in Phuldungsei woke up early in the morning to engage in jhuming. The major issues in the area were water scarcity and a lack of local transportation options.

After completing our survey, we decided to explore the nearby orange garden and savored the juicy, fresh oranges that it had to offer. We then went back to our homestay, had lunch, rested for an hour, and headed to a local picnic spot called 'VP Picnic Spot.' The sunset at the picnic spot was stunning and had a calming ambiance. We even climbed a hillock that surrounded the picnic spot, which was both exhausting and fun. On top of the hill, we sat in a tourist shed shaped like a circle, where we talked and laughed. While at the picnic spot, some of the students tried on Mizo attire and took pictures. After a busy day, we returned to our

homestay, freshened up, and prepared for a bonfire in the outside compound. A few of us visited the nearby church before joining the rest at the bonfire. We enjoyed playing several games while being entertained with cultural performances by both locals and our group members. The day ended with a delightful dinner alongside the bonfire session.

Before our journey came to an end, we had one final destination on our itinerary -Vanghmun village, known as the cleanest village in Tripura. As we arrived, we were impressed by the village's cleanliness, with several dustbins placed at regular intervals throughout the area. The village had a peaceful atmosphere with well-maintained houses and trimmed bushes. We took a stroll down the village street, interacted with some locals, visited a church, received blessings, and captured some memorable pictures. After exploring Vanghmun, we began our journey back to Agartala.

It was an unforgettable journey that enriched us in ways beyond our imagination, and no amount of description can do justice to the beauty and significance of those moments. Sometimes, it's just best to cherish these experiences in our hearts and let them continue to inspire and shape us as we move forward in life.

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LEARNINGS AND OUTCOME:

During the educational trip to Jampui Hills, the students had the opportunity to expand their knowledge and perspective by exploring the natural beauty and diverse culture of the region. This experience also provided insight into the local traditions, customs, and lifestyles of the indigenous communities, which could promote cultural awareness and sensitivity among the students. Additionally, the trip facilitated experiential learning and skill development through activities such as trekking, camping, and interacting with the locals, which could enhance the students' leadership, teamwork, and communication abilities. Overall, the trip offered a comprehensive learning experience that could aid in the personal and professional growth of the students.

• It was a trip of 3 days and 2 nights.

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- MJ Homestay is a government recognized homestay that offers a variety of services such as accommodation, travel arrangements, picnics, visits to orange gardens, and trekking. They organized an educational trip that included accommodation, food, cultural night with bonfire, sightseeing, trekking to Betlingchip, and transportation from Pencharthal to Phuldengsei, and vice versa, for a cost of Rs 2,500 per student. However, the tour did not cover the expenses of the train journey from Agartala to Pencharthal and back, lunch on the return day, and any snacks. To cover these additional costs, an additional amount of Rs. 500 was collected from each student.
- The institution provided financial assistance by reimbursing 50% of the bill that was generated.

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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO JAMPUI HILLS (PHULDUNGSEI & VANGHMUN) 25th to 27th November, 2022

DAY 1 – 25th November, Friday, 2022

04:45 AM – 05:00 AM: AGARTALA RAILWAY STATION

(Booking tickets and reserving seats)

06:45 AM - 10:00 AM: AGARTALA TO PENCHARTHAL (TRAIN)

10:00 AM – 01:00 PM: PENCHARTHAL TO MJ HOMESTAY-PHULDUNGSEI (LOCAL CAR)

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM: SETTLING DOWN INTO RESPECTIVE ROOMS & WASH UP

- 02:00 PM 03:00 PM: LUNCH (MIZO MEALS)
- 03:00 PM 05:00 PM: EXPLORE THE NEARBY AREAS / ENJOY SUNSET FROM MJ HOMESTAY ROOFTOP
- 05:00 PM 05:30 PM: TEA-TIME
- 05:30 PM 07:30 PM: BONFIRE & MUSIC
- 07:30 PM 08:30 PM: DINNER
- 08:30 PM 11:00 PM: KEEP THINGS READY FOR NEXT DAY &

LIGHTS OFF AT 11 PM

DAY 2 - 26th November, Saturday, 2022

- 05:00 AM 05:30 AM: WATCH SUNRISE
- 05:30 AM 07:00 AM: WAKE UP & WASH UP
- 07:00 AM 08:00 AM: BREAKFAST
- 08:00 AM 11:00 AM: TREK TO BETLINGCHHIP (highest peak of Jampui Hills)
- 11:00 AM 12:00 AM: FIELD SURVEY (BRU & MIZO families)
- 12:00 PM 01:00 PM: PHOTOSHOT WITH BRU & MIZO TRADITIONAL ATTIRE
- 01:00 PM 02:00 PM: LUNCH (MIZO MEALS)
- $02{:}00\ \text{PM}-05{:}00\ \text{PM}{:}$ VISIT TO PICNIC SPOT & ORANGE GARDEN
- 05:00 PM 05:30 PM: TEA-TIME
- 05:30 PM 06:30 PM: WASH UP
- 06:30 PM 08:30 PM: CULTURAL NIGHT followed by Dinner at 7 PM onwards

08:30 PM – 11:00 PM: KEEP THINGS READY FOR NEXT DAY & LIGHTS OFF AT 11 PM

DAY 3 - 27th November, Sunday, 2022

05:00 AM - 06:00 AM: WATCH SUNRISE (Optional)

- 06:00 AM 07:00 AM: WAKE UP & WASH UP
- 07:00 AM 08:30 AM: PACK YOUR BAGGAGE
- 08:30 AM 09:30 AM: LUNCH
- 09:30 AM 0:30 AM: PHULDUNGSEI TO VANGHMUN (cleanest village in Tripura);
- 10:30 AM 11:00 AM: 30 mins in VANGHMUN
- 11:00 AM 02:00 PM: VANGHMUN TO PENCHARTHAL RAILWAY STATION

 $02{:}00\ \text{PM}-04{:}00\ \text{PM}{:}$ BOOKING OF TICKETS AND RESERVING SEATS

04:00 PM - 08:30 PM: PENCHARTHAL TO AGARTALA (TRAIN)

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- 1. **"WATER IS LIFE, DON'T WASTE IT"** Water crisis is the biggest problem in Jampui Hill therefore use water very consciously.
- 2. **ROOMS FOR 2 NIGHT STAY:** Dormitory room for girls with one attached bathroom. 3 rooms for boys (5-8 boys per room). One room have attached bathroom.
- 3. BATHROOMS: 2 bathrooms are adjacent to the building and 2 attached bathroom.
- 4. LUNCH & DINNER: Mizo Food
- 5. WEAR COMFORTABLE SHOES as we will be going for trekking and field visits.
- 6. **TEMPERATURE**: It will be moderately cold in the day-time and very cold early morning and at night.
- 7. **FIRST-AID BOX:** Headache, Vicks, anti-vomit, allergy, ENO etc medicines will be available.
- 8. Carry extra cash, snacks and water bottles/flask.

EDUCATIONAL TOUR ARRANGEMENT:

• Our educational tour team to Jampui Hills comprised of thirty-three students and three faculty members.

PHOTO GALLERY:

1. At Pencharthal Railway Station



2. Distributing the Questionnaire for Field Survey



3. Students during their field survey



4. View of VP Picnic Spot



5. At Vanghmun - the cleanest village of Tripura





PERMISSION LETTERS



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To The Principal Holy Cross College Agartala, Tripura

Sub: Letter for asking Permission for Educational trip

Respected Father,

I am writing this letter to seek your kind permission to take the students of Department of Sociology for a field trip to Jampui Hill on 6th November to 8th November 2022. This will be an educational trip as well as excursion making it an opportunity for the students to attain good knowledge and get real-time exposure. This will also help in refreshing the student's minds. Therefore, I request your positive response. I shall be highly obliged. Your Sincerely,

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To The Principal Holy Cross College Agartala, Tripura

Sub: Letter for asking Permission to postpone the dates for educational trip

Respected Father,

I am writing this letter to seek your kind permission to postpone the educational trip to Jampui Hill from 6th to 8th November 2022 to 25th to 27th November 2022. We are in contact with MJ Homestay who doesn't only provide accommodation but also travels, visit to orange garden and other activities. From 6th to 8th November 2022, there is an event therefore they are already booked. After seeing all the possibilities, we would like to take permission to take the students of Department of Sociology for a field trip to Jampui Hill on 25th to 27th November 2022. Therefore, I request your positive response. I shall be highly obliged.

Your Sincerely,

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The Principal Holy Cross College, Agartala

Subject: Prayer for extending financial support to the Sociology Department for Educational tour to Jampui.

Respected Father,

The Department of Sociology is organising an Educational trip to Jampui for three days i.e. from 25^{th} to 27^{th} October, 2022. We request your kind financial support to organise this educational trip. We will be taking the final year students to the trip to enhance their knowledge about different culture and also able to explore new places as well as new people.

The educational tour will help the student have hands-on learning or experiential learning and give exposure to the students for experiencing and learning the Bru and Mizo community's culture and lifestyle. This learning activity also can be showcase in different social media like in students WhatsApp, Instagram and also in YouTube channels. It can be considered as an advertisement from our college to encourage upcoming batches to join our college.

Our trip expenses will be more on transportation and food. Any amount of financial help is appreciated. We look forward for college support on this activity

Thanking you in advance

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