

Rajendra Academy for Teachers' Education

Tour and Excursion

Rajendra Academy for Teachers' Education regularly organizes the Educational Tour and Excursion with the objective of learning through outdoor experiences. Excursions are considered as hands on experience for students which they cannot learn in the classrooms. Student's life remains incomplete without broadening their outlook. The College gives priority to realize the Nature and multicultural environment. Students are taken for educational tour and excursions as a part of innovative teaching approach. A host of activities are undertaken as part of educational trips which facilitates the students to connect with each other and develop inter- personal skills beyond the classroom boundaries. Tour and Excursion are a best way for students to connect with each other and develop interpersonal skills and gain valuable learning experience outside of the classroom. The institution stands supportive to the idea of organizing Study Tours and Excursions, Picnics, once in a year to be followed strictly while organizing the trips.

Vision

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Education as a profession cannot be taught merely in the four walls of classroom. Theoretical knowledge alone is not sufficient to build efficient Teachers. Practical knowledge of the environment is equally important. Study tour emphasizes experimental learning and offer both group and self directed activities that enable learners to explore various cultures industries, practices and people.

Objectives

The tour and excursions organized by the College in each academic year has the following objectives.

- **Effective Learning:** During the educational tour and excursion the students acquire fresh perspective in the informal environment. By coming into direct contact with various environments, culture and community, the students develop openness to others.
- **Individual Development:** The College conducts educational tour with the focus on self-awareness of students both in personal and professional context. It offers an informal set up for students to get experienced with various life skills, team spirit, time management, multi tasking, etc.
- **Social and Historical knowledge:** Educational tour exposes the students to different lifestyles, places, people and the era. They get first hand experiences on various social and historical perspectives which stimulate their imagination and articulation abilities.
- **Respect for other Culture:** When students travel to other different places they get exposure to the ideas, customs, and the social pattern. It enhances the students' ability to accommodate with different cultures for sustenance
- **Real world Exposure:** With the educational tours and excursions the students get the opportunity to mingle with the natural environment as well the social set up. It helps them to practice the social skills and critical thinking abilities outside the classroom along with lessons from the real world.
- **Bonding:** One of the major objective of tour and excursions of the College is to provide opportunity to the students to spend time among them in a new environment. They can connect with each other in small groups and share the observations as well as enjoy the learning process.

- **Independence:** While away from home and the ease of regular support, students can get the opportunity to see that what they are capable of accomplishing by themselves. Exposure to the outer world through tours and excursions allow them to get matured, self sufficient and independent from the comfort zone.

- **Lifelong Memories:** The vision of Rajendra Academy for Teachers' Education is to provide quality education with multiple skills. The environment out of classroom gives the students exposure to work in team with others which carries life long memories and bonding with the acquired experiences.

Tour and Excursion Committee

1. Mr Parimal Das (Convener)
2. Mr Satya Sundar Sarkar
3. Mr Subhadip Ghosh
4. Mr Sourav Paul
5. Mrs Shampa Pal

6. Miss Sonia Yasmin

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| Date | Description |
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| Day 1 26/02/2019 | Our excursion team travelled by bus from Durgapur to reach burdwan station. We boarded in Saraighat Express. (12345) at 3:50 P.M. to reach Guwahati. A journey filled with fun- frolic and expectations of seeing and meeting a new culture. With delightful dinner the night closed on us. |
| Day 2 27/02/2019 | After the overnight journey we reached Guwahati station the next day at 9:30 in the morning. On the way we finished with our breakfast. We had booked holiday home, EARLI HOLIDAY HOME in Shillong for our Meghalaya tour. |
| Day 3 28/02/2019 | The real joy of the trip began as we visited- Don- Bosom Museum, Golf course, Shillong peak, Elephant falls, Cathedral Catholic Church, Umiam lake, Ka phang Nonglait Park, each place with a tale and taste of its own. |
| Day 4 01/03/2019 | On the fourth day we were in the land of rain-Cherrapunji. Read in Geography as the land with heaviest rainfall in India. There was more to discover, the seven sister hills, Nakolika falls, Mawsmai Cave. |
| Day 5 02/03/2019 | With warm memories we had to pack up at 8 A.M. After breakfast we headed towards Guwahati station. Here Saraighat Exp. (12346) was waiting to bring us back to burdwan Station. |

EXCURSION ARRANGEMENT

- Our excursion team to Meghalaya comprised of hundred students and Eleven teachers and Staff.

- Accompanying us specially in the trip was our Hon'ble Chairman Sri Jayanta Kumar Chakrabarty.
- It was a trip of 5 days and 6 nights.
- Tour was conducted by Travel Plus International. Per head charge was Rs 5,100 (excluding GST 5%). This included cost of Accommodation, fooding and transportation (train sleeper class and bus). The cost excluded sight-seeing charges like entry fee, guide charges, potter charges, camera charges etc.
The company was paid 40% of the amount as confirmation amount, rest 40% paid one month before the date of journey and balance 20% after end of the tour.

MEGHALAYA

Meghalaya- alaya (“abode”) and Megha (“of the clouds”) occupies a mountainous plateau of great scenic beauty. It became a state in 1972. Area 8,660 square miles (22,429 square km). Population (2011) 2,964,007.



MEGHALAYA

Meghalaya an upland area formed by a detached block of the Deccan plateau. It's summit vary in elevation from 4000 to 6000 ft. The Garo Hills in the west rise abruptly from the Brahmaputra River valley to about 1000 ft and then merge with the khasi Hills and Jaintia Hills. Many rivers and streams flow out of the plateau, creating deep, narrow, steep-sided valleys; the most important is the Umion–

Barapani, which is the major source of hydroelectric power for Assam and Meghalaya States.

The State is rich in tribal culture and folk lore. Drinking and dancing to the accompaniment of music from singas (buffalo horns) bamboo flute's and drums are integral parts of religious ceremonies and social functions.



Meghalaya has seven administrative districts. It falls under the jurisdiction of the High Court in Guwahati, Assam.

Most of the inhabitants are Tibeto- Barman (Garos) or Monkhmer (khasis) in origin. Khasis, Garo, Jaintia and English are the States official languages.

Christianity, Hinduism and animistic forms of Hinduism are the major religions in the area besides minority religions being Muslims, Buddhist and Sikhs.

The population is rural, and few towns exist in the State. Shillong is the largest town, others being Tura, Mawlai, Nongthymmain and Jowai. Flora and Fauna is in abundance. Pines, Sal's and bamboo are in abundance. Agriculture is the dominant economic Activity of the State. The main crops growing here are rice, millet, corn, maize, potatoes, pepper, chillies, cotton, ginger, jute, betelnuts, fruits. Communal landowner ship is common.

The State has many untapped natural resources, including coal, limestone, kaslin, feldspar, quartz, mica, gypsum, bauxite and other minerals. It's Sillimanite deposits are one of the best in the world and account for almost all of India's Sillimanite output. Electricity is produced through several hydroelectric power plants.

There are no railways in Meghalaya. A national highway runs through the state from Guwahati (Assam) in the North to Karimganj (Assam) in the South. Shillong is saved by a domestic activities in 2008 an airport opened at Tura.

The State is one of the most underdeveloped in India. About three fifths of the people are literate. The North Eastern Hill University at Shillong is the state's only institution of higher Education.

The climate here is generally mild except from (Dec to Feb.). Temperature ranges from 23°C (August) to 8-10°C in (January). Cherrapunji the World's wettest region in here, with average annual participation of about 450 inches. (11,430 mm) during monsoon season from May to September.

SHILLONG

Shillong is the capital city of Meghalaya. Manicured gardens at Lady Hydari Park is the highlight of the place. This romantic city is a beehive destination among the tourist in the north east. The city derives its name from "Leishyllong" – the super power or God who is believed to reside on the Shillong peak overlooking the city lying in the cradle of the tall pine conifers and pineapple shrubs.



SHILLONG

It lies on the eastern part of the State at altitude of 1,520 mts. above sea level. It is situated on a plateau bound on the north by the Union gorge, on the North West by the Diengiei Hills that rise to a height of 1823 metres above sea level and on the northeast by the Assam valley. It is at a distance of 104kms from Guwahati.

A small village until 1864 it was completely destroyed by an earthquake in 1897. It was rebuilt and in 1972 emerged as the state capital.

Elephant falls: It is located near upper Shillong. These are beautiful sight especially in the raining season and are favourite picnic spots among the locals. Beyond the elephant Falls, one can also view the upper and lower Elysium Falls.



ELEPHANT FALLS

Shillong peak: It is the highest point of Shillong located 5km to the South of the city and is 6,433 ft. In attitude, is the highest peak in the district. The peak is semi- circular like thank of crown placed on the flat and extensive top of the Shillong hill. The peak is accessible via the upper Shillong or Jowai road.



SHILONG PEAK

Museum: The state museum is located at the state capital library complex in Laichumiere and visitors can catch a glimpse of the heritage & life style of the khasi tribes here.

The Butterfly museum at Riatsamthiah holds a rare collection of butterflies & moth.



DON-BOSCO MUSEUM

Don Bosco museum for indigenous cultures is a centre for the conservation & preservation of a number of small, local cultures of the area in India as well as in conjunction with local culture anywhere else in the world. Certain special areas of operation are exhibition, research & study publication. It provides a healthy concord of different cultures to develop a spirit of peace, harmony & mutual development. This ideal in essence is achieved through research, museum tours, animation programs and articulating a concept of museum in

education so that it becomes a “powerful catalyst for strengthening the bonds that unites the people”.

Some Special features of the museum are-

- Elevators for elderly & sick.
- Interaction computer area.
- Media & conference hall.
- Touch screen computer.
- Mini Museum for kids.
- Sensor lighting system.
- Wi-fi connection.

Shillong Golf course

This golf course was laid out back in 1889, between the tall & elegant pines at an altitude of 4,350 ft. It is the 3rd oldest golf course in India & the first eighteen holes course in Asia.



SHILONG GOLF COURSE

Ka Phang Nonglait Park:

At a distance of 2.5 km from Shillong bus stand, the park is located at the heart of Shillong. It is also known as lady Hydari park after the name of the wife of Governor of Assam. It is the only park with zoo in Shillong. The park is designed in a Japanese garden style which sprawls an area of more than a km. The landscape attached with small ponds, rhododendron plants & willows trees with its leaves almost touching the ground are unmistakable Japanese inspired.



KA PHANG NONGLAIT PARK

Umiam lake :

It is a mesmerizing man-made reservoir 15kms north of Shillong. The lake was formed after a dam was constructed to generate hydro electric power. It is surrounded by East khasi hills. There are facilities for boat riding & other water sports.



UMIAM LAKE

Cathedral Catholic Church:

Also known as cathedral of Mary help Christians, it is positioned between Dhankhoti and Laitamkhrah. It is in Gothic architectural style. It falls under Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Shillong that is known to be administering similar sort of places of worship in Jaintia & Khasi Hills of Meghalaya. It has been made earthquake resistant by filling the rock trenches with sand. It was made a Shrine in the year 1980.



CATHEDRAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Silee view point:

Shillong peak (latikor peak) at 6,446 ft above sea level, is the highest point in the entire state of Meghalaya and offer a spectacular birds eye view of the Shillong city.



LATIKOR PEAK

CHERRAPUNJI



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Seven sisters falls: The seven sisters Falls symbolises the conglomeration of the Seven states in northeast namely Assam, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura, Mizoram, and Meghalaya. The fall is

separated with seven parts over the cliff of the hills. The view is spectacular and completely engrosses an individual with the view.



SEVEN SISTER FALLS

Nohkalikai waterfalls :

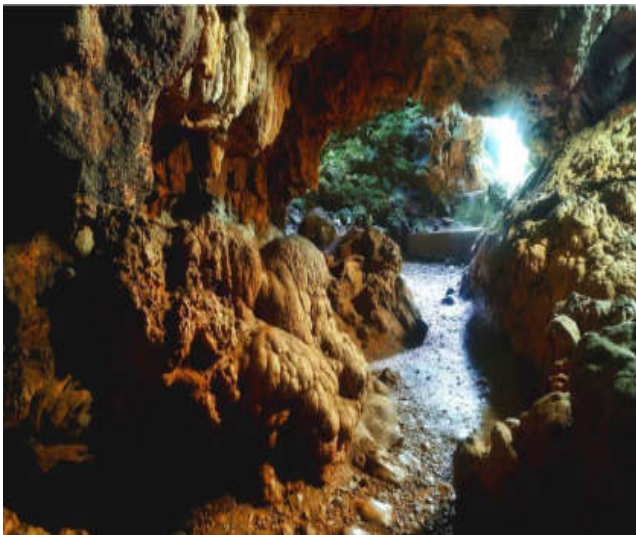
is around 5km from cherrapunji. It is the 4th highest waterfall in the world falling from a height of 2,100 ft . The ideal time to visit is during the monsoon.

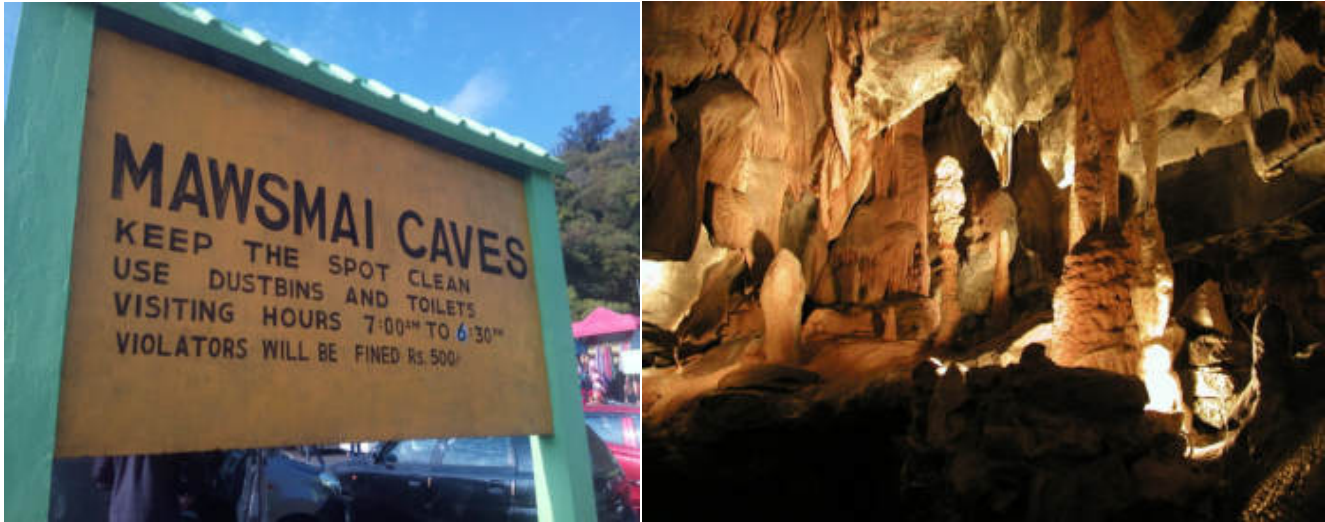


NOHKALIKAI WATER FALLS

Mawsmai cave :

This limestone cave at a distance of 6km from Cherrapunji is a major crowd puller only 150 mts is open for tourist, the rest is closed. It has many stalactites and stalagmites. This magnificent natural wonder is the handywork of years of natural abrasion and underground water.





MAWSMAI CAVE

LEARNINGS CARRIED OVER FROM THE STUDY TOUR :

Team work is the take home from a group activities of this nature. Organising everything in minute details is essential for the success of any activity.

We learnt about the vast flora and fauna of this Hill State. Apart from the tranquillity that the lake offers one can observe the daily life of the natives who come to the Union lake in search of twigs and grass or the fisherman canoeing in still waters. We learnt that in Summer, the shores are adorned by beautiful Gulmohar trees while in winters, the water level recedes and turns azure.

Don Bosco Museum provided a healthy concord of different cultures to develop a spirit of peace, harmony and mutual development.

Last but not the least safely and securely is one the major concerns for the tour manager.





STUDENTS REVIEW

This tour will remain as an amazing trip for our students. Everything met or requirements the visits, the hotels, the food is special mention for our guide who was very patient and had a huge knowledge of this country.

Sohini Chakraborty (B.Ed)

We had a wonderful trip. Every flexibility and hall was extended through the entire trip.

Sumitra Biswas (D.El.Ed)

A great leaving about this hill State. Excellent tour experience travel agent who were attentive to every detail. Special thanks to my College for selecting this marvellous destination.

Supriti Ganguly (D.El.Ed)

Meghalaya was amazing from beginning to end. The culture, the people all genuinely caring and nice. We learnt about them visiting the different places.

Mihir Rajak (B.Ed)

The trip opened my eyes to Meghalaya. It was surely one for the books.

Sumana mukherjee (D.El.Ed)