

Department of Environmental Science

Field Trip Report

A field trip was undertaken by the students of the Department of Environmental Science under the guidance of the faculty members on the 18th December 2018. The field trip was conducted with the intention to give students a field based study on the importance of the environment and providing a mean of livelihood to the people. One of the most successful means of tapping the environment for benefits is through eco tourism. Eco tourism emphasises mainly on the aesthetic values of nature and investing in these values have brought in a respectable monetary gain to the people in the state of Meghalaya.

The field trip was made to Kharmih Park which is located in Sohra. There was an interactive session between the students and the owner of the park where several queries were asked by the students. Various subject matters were covered during the session, some of which include economic value of the park, employment generation, waste management, home stays, fisheries, conservation of the catchment areas, preservation of the environment, and future plans. The owner provided essential information about eco tourism and the importance of conservational practices to the sustainability of this industry. After the interactive session, the students took a tour of the park which covers an area of about 64000 square meters to observe the numerous aspects and advantages of eco tourism.

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