



REPORT ON THE STUDY TOUR OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,
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Report on the Field trip to Ferrando Speech and Hearing Center
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The 6th semester students of Education Department took a study trip on the 23rd May 2022. The goal of the tour was to study the functioning of the inclusive school at Ferrando Speech and Hearing Center Umniuh, Umiam and to gain insight in the field of education, at NERIE (NCERT), Nongsder, Umiam. Twenty-eight students took part under the guidance of Dr H. Iangrai, Dr (Mrs) H. Diengdoh, Prof B M LWanswett and K G Nengnong.

The main objectives of the study tour were;

Exposure: Though a few days before the final exam, the tour was a very delightful and memorable one. Students got exposure after a long six semester period of being within the classroom. These institutes are located 25 kilometers away from Shillong but it took about an hour to travel by bus. The authorities at the institutes were extremely friendly and co-operative and the students learned a lot about the day to day activities of the institutes also being able to experience, firsthand the difficulties faced. The students also really enjoyed the sights seen along the way.

A. Ferrando Speech and Hearing Centre: the team reached Ferrando Speech and Hearing Centre, Umniuh at 10:30 AM. The team met the Principal of the school who briefed us on the do's and don'ts within the school premises. She also took the team to the different classrooms, Science lab, resource room and Laboratory and arranged a face to face meeting/interaction with the students.

- i.) **DIFFERENTLY ABLED CHILDREN:** Our students for the first time had the opportunity to interact with the speech and hearing impaired children. They observed the functioning of their learning and of the inclusive school. There was a satisfactory interaction with them from Nursery to Class XII. Photography was not allowed, hence no visual evidence of the interactions with the children was available. The interaction had been a fruitful, educative and a challenging one. Some of the things that we learned were:
- ii.) **ALTERNATIVE MODE:** The students got a first -hand experience in their mode of learning where they used Braille and other methods making learning more interesting and effective.



- iii.) **TOGETHERNESS**: Children attending this institute live and learn together, and help one another like brothers and sisters of the same family. The love and affection towards each other is also very special.
- iv.) **DETERMINATION**: All the differently-abled students have a strong determination to learn and to achieve their goals. From our observation, it showed that they have a strong determination to reach the goal and to achieve milestones in their lives, in fact some students showed more determination than some normal children.
- v.) As reported by the Principal, the school was set up on the 16th April 1996. The main activities of the centre are early intervention, education, rehabilitation, vocational training and manpower development. One is located at Umniuh Khwan and another at Kyrdemkulai, which is yet to function. There are about 230 students and 22 teachers, some of the teachers are getting government aid and others from the mission.
- vi.) **CHALLENGES**: Some of the challenges faced by the school are paucity of funds to get better learning materials and facilities, the need for assistance to help the students, the need to upgrade to higher classes and specialized studies.



B. BETHEL RETREAT CENTRE The team went to Bethel Retreat Centre, UmniuhKhwan, Barapani. The Centre is set up mainly to meet the spiritual and faith education needs of the religious and lay people of the region. It provides facilities for organizing prayer services, retreats, workshops and seminars. The team learned that the



centre is managed by four staff only. The place is used to plant fruit and green items; and they cater lunches for people coming to the Retreat Centre. It is very neat and clean, well decorated and beautified. The team learned that hard work, discipline, love, humility and unity is important to achieve in life. We all had a sumptuous meal there which everyone enjoyed.



BETHEL RETREAT CENTER , UMIAM, UMNIUH KHWAN

North East Regional Institute of Education (NERIE): The team reached NERIE at 3:00 PM and from 3:15 to 5:00PM the team gathered some information, knowledge and experience about the institution - NERIE. We were directed to sit at the auditorium. It is a grand well lit hall with comfortable seats, well arranged projector and advanced arrangement. The programme was also attended by a unit of B.Ed students of the Institute.

Briefly the programme was as follows:

- i.) Welcome to the Institute: The Principal, Prof B. Borthakur welcomed the team warmly to the institute. He also gave a brief introduction about the institute, NERIE. The students were enlightened on the roles and functions of NERIE, its different branches and organisations, and its responsibilities.
- ii.) Orientation on New Education Policy,2020: Prof N. Pradhan, one of the senior most teachers gave a brief outline along with a presentation on the different aspects of the New



Education Policy, 2020. The students were enlightened on the future course of action relating to education and the scenario that is going to take place from the year 2030.

- iii.) Development of e- programme: Prof Tulika Dey gave a lecture on how to develop e - content and e - resource. The model is new as it makes use of the electronic media. Teachers and students benefited from the presentation and demonstration on the e- resource and e-content. The talk revolved around the approved content broadcast and a recorded video on the topic the **Planet**.
- iv.) Dr H. Iangrai, Head of Education Department, ShillongCollege also delivered a vote of thanks addressed to the Principal and the Institute as a whole. He hoped for a better relationship and to plan more programmes in the future.
- v.) The meeting was chaired by Prof Sarajubala. She welcomed and released the team with good cheer. After the meeting, the management took the team to the Library, Studios and to the different parts of the campus.



AUDITORIUM IN NERIE , UMIAM



*Photo taken at the Administrative Block of NERIE
Courtesy: Mr Batiplem Timung 6th Semester (CR) for photography.*



TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION - 2022

Our department celebrated Teachers' Day on 5th of September with great enthusiasm. The whole programme was organized by the students of 3rd and 5^h Semester (Deptt of Education). Students expressed their gratitude, regard, and respect towards their teachers on that day. The Head of the Department, Dr H.Iangrai gave a short speech on the role of teachers in molding the personality of the students. He congratulated the teachers and motivated the students to become good human beings and responsible future citizens of the country.





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