

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT EXCURSION – 2013

We started our journey on 3/Jan/2013 night by Avadh Assam Express. By 5 am in the morning, we reached Guwahati. By 6 am we were ready for onward journey by Taxi to Shillong. We reached our place of accommodation – the “Siloam” at Barapani around 9 am. To our pleasant surprise, this place turned out to be much beyond our expectation! It is a Retreat Centre / Resort belonging to the Salesian organization. The view from rooms opening up to the lake front was surreal! This place has all the amenities. And the best thing was: for any one from the Salesian Institutes/ Organizations, the rates were highly subsidized!

A Tata Winger had been arranged for us to take us around. We had to contribute towards the fuel and the driver’s service.

Day: 4th January, 2013

On the first day we visited the following:

- NEHU (North Eastern Hill University, a Central University) Campus
- Don Bosco Museum at Mawlai

At NEHU, we visited the Science Centre and started to see many scientific principles at work, many instruments etc.

Then we were fortunate to get access to the Computer Science Department and its laboratories. There we were shown the Super Computer set up by the CDAC (Centre for Development of Advanced Computing), Pune. It was a treat for our science students! The configurations and the details...everyone said WOW!

Then we drove to the next destination. We had only heard about it. When we reached the Museum, it was simply awesome! We had just one hour to check out something that needs at least three hours to do justice. Three floors below ground level and four floors above! Full of artifacts, precious collections from ages past, entire history of the India’s North East! Moreover, the information is all computerized and can be read from display terminals! And to top it all, there is the “Sky Walk” – on the top dome, there is a barricaded walk way leading up to the very top of the dome from where one gets the full panoramic view of Mawlai! You should not be acrophobic or with heart problems to venture out there! Day: 5th January, 2013

On the second day, we visited the following places:

- Shillong Peak
- Elephant Falls
- NEIGRIHMS
- Ward Lake

Shillong Peak is the highest place in Shillong Valley from where one gets the bird's eye view of the City. Our students enjoyed their visit by adorning the local costumes and posing for the camera! The Elephant Falls is a three-step falls. There used to be a huge rock that was in the shape of an elephant but it was destroyed in the earthquake in the late 1800s. Our next visit was NEIGRIHMS. It is the branch of AIIMS (All India Institute of Medical Science), Delhi. It is the only hospital of its kind in the North East India. Our next visit was the Ward Lake. This is a small lake, right in the middle of the City, very close to the St. Anthony's College. We thoroughly enjoyed the boat rides! Day: 6th January, 2013

On the third day, we visited the following places:

- Cherapunjee, the place known as the place of highest rainfall in the country
- Nongkalika Falls
- Mowsmai Cave
- Thangkharang Park

Day: 7th January, 2013

On the fourth day, we returned back to Guwahati; visited the Assam Don Bosco University Campus at Azara

Finally, there was an unscheduled visit to the Brahmaputra River, as we had few hours to wait for the train.

















