

SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

STUDY TRIP

A Study Trip to Nartiang, Jaintia Hills District, was made on the 17th of February, 2025. This was in keeping with the course content of the Degree syllabus relating to culture, religion, beliefs, etc. It was exclusively for the Final Semester students of the Sociology Department.

Departing at 8 a.m. from the college campus, 49 number of students, along with all 4 department faculty set off to a new adventure, in two full buses. Stopping, enroute, at the picturesque Tyrshi Falls for a packed lunch and an exciting session of photos, the team proceeded to the destination.

At the designated spot, an archeological site, 'U Mawthaw-dur-briew' (man-made monolith), a myriad of monoliths (mawbynna) greeted us! This site is famous for large megalithic stone memorials of the local tribes. It is a tradition still in vogue in some parts of the State of Meghalaya. These monoliths are generally erected in rows of three, four, five or seven, with the central row larger in size. The highest gigantic monolith is about 9 meters.

The Nartiang monoliths hold great social significance as symbols of the pre-Hindu, matrilineal culture of the Jaintia people, marking historical events, commemorating ancestors, and reinforcing community identity. They are important to cultural practices, and serve as an expression of respect for ancestors and past glory. The monoliths also highlight the historical importance of Nartiang as a former summer capital of the Jaintia kings, making them a central part of the region's cultural heritage and a source of community pride.

Not far from this site is a Durga temple which dates back to ancient days. It is believed that human sacrifices were made within it. A hollow underground passage from the sacrifice spot, that leads all the way to the nearby Myntdu river is believed to have dug in order to flush down the blood.

Each student learnt new things, especially the culture- religious beliefs, practices, values and norms of other societies. It was a good and relevant learning experience for students and staff alike

After a session of sightseeing and observations, which was enjoyable, it was time to make the return journey to college.

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