

GOVT. ZIRTIRI RESIDENTIAL SCIENCE COLLEGE

STUDY TOUR 2022

REPORT

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1. **Date:** June 6-10, 2022
2. **Purpose:** To visit, explore and study the Mizo's historical places in Vaphai, Farkawn and its nearby areas.
3. **Fund:** Rs. 2,30,000/-
4. **Funded by:** Higher & Technical Education Department, Govt. of Mizoram
5. **Total number of participants:** 60
6. **Teachers incharge:**
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On 6th June, 2022 (Monday) at 6:30 in the morning, we prayed to Almighty God for his guidance during the study tour and we started our journey from Vanapa Hall by two Buses, i.e. College bus and Mizoram State Transport Bus. We reached Sialsuk Hotel at 10:30am and eat a morning meal. Before reaching to Thenzawl, the two front wheels of MST Bus were punctured simultaneously and this delayed us by almost two hours. We changed the wheels and after a long run of about 226 km, we reached our destiny which is Vaphai Thlangtlak Mual at 8:30pm. Our camp Thlangtlak Mual is a very beautiful place and designed like a Mizo old village which consists of Mizo Lal In, Zawlbuk and other Mizo houses which are made in a traditional style.



Pic: Camp, Thlangtlak Mual, Vaphai

PLACES VISITED

June 7, 2022 (Tuesday)

- 1) **Chhura Chirawtlung, Farkawn:** The meaning of Chhura Chirawtlung is “Salt grinding Stone of Chhura”. Chhura (full name Chhurbura) was a very famous man, having many story in Mizo history.



- 2) **Lamsial Puk, Farkawn:** Lamsial Puk is a cave situated in proximity to the Farkawn village, in Champhai district of Mizoram. This cave is 9 meters in length. The main feature of the cave is a wooden box which holds a numerous packed and well preserved human bones.



- 3) **Fiara Tui, Farkawn:** The spring that originated from the Tan Tlang (Mountain) is associated with a popular legend of the region, according to which, there was an orphan named Fiara living in the Lamsial village. During a very scarcity of water in their village, he could not get water from common village spring. The village people did not allowed him to get water. One day, he walked and luckily, he discovered a new water sources, after his name, that water is called Fiara Tui (water).



- 4) **Lamthuum thum & Kungawrhi hnuhluhna puk, Farkawn:** Lamthuum means 'road way' and thum means 'three'. Lamthuum thum is 'Three-way road or three way junction'. It is located near Kungawrhi Cave. Kungawrhi was a beautiful girl but the spirits were fascinated by Kungawrhi's magnificent beauty and they kidnapped her, hiding in this cave. Kungawrhi stayed in the cave until the heroic Phawthira returned for his love and fought bravely against the spirits and freed his beloved from their trap cave. The cave was then named after this girl.



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- 5) **Thasiamia Se no neihna:** Thasiamia Se no neihna is a flat on a rugged hillock measuring around 7.20 square meter near Vaphai village. According to legend story, the site where Thasiamia`s Sial (Mithun) used to have calf was considered impossible for a Mithun to climb up in the top. But Thasiamia had an affair with a beautiful Lasi (Fairy) named Chawngtinleri and that the Fairy had granted him a gift that his Mithun will multiply and make him wealthy. The Fairy used to guide Thasiamia`s Mithun to this particular hill for safe delivery and guard it against the attack of tigers that haunt this area.



June 8, 2022 (Wednesday)

- 6) **Kawtchhuah ropui, Vangchhia:** After a three hour running by Bus from our Camp, we reached Vangchhia which is a village in the Champhai district of Mizoram, India. It is located in the Khawbung R.D. Block. This village became Mizoram's first protected archaeological site in 2012. Vangchhia is a menhir site of Mizoram. There are about 180 menhirs of different sizes in this place. The largest menhir is about 1.5 m (width) × 30cm (thickness). These menhirs are fully carved and embossed with different forms. Numerous rows of human figures, heads of Sial (mithun), deers, other animals, circles probably gongs, weapons and other designs are engraved in these menhirs. Besides, there is a rock shelter upside of the menhir site overlooking the border. It has five openings or five chambers. It was dprobably used as watch tower or trench.



Pic: Menhir at Vangchhia



- 7) **Lianchhiari Puantahna & Lianchhiari Lunglen Tlang, Dungtlang:** Once upon a time, on this legendary protruding cliff, a beautiful girl named Lianchhiari, a daughter of a village Chief who fall in love with Chawngfianga, a low clan who had migrated to distant village used to look-out for her lover. Near this mountain, there is also a weaving place of Lianchhiari which is made up of an ensemble rock.



June 9, 2022 (Thursday)

- 8) **Fiara Tui, Vaphai:** Vaphai also claimed that they have Fiara Tui. It is located near Tan Tlang. There is a very pure water under a very big rock. The local people said that the water level is same throughout the year. The taste of this water is cold and pure.



- 9) **Tan tlang:** Tan Tlang is a legendary mountain which entails interesting Mizo folk tales and songs which is located in the junction area of three villages namely - Vaphai, Chawngtui and Farkawn. It is 6356 ft above sea level located near Vaphai village. It is a very beautiful mountain, we have a very interesting trekking in this mountain and reached and explore at the top of this mountain.



Pic: Ground level of Tan Tlang



Pic: Top of Tan Tlang

Farewell Function: After dinner at 8:00pm, all the participants are gathered at the courtyard of Zawlbuk. We make Campfire, we have a thanksgiving Service to God due to his unfailing guidance during our study tour. We have sharing and feedback on our study tour. We sing happily in that night and all the participants want to hold that wonderful sweet and remarkable night.



June 10, 2022 (Friday)

- 10) **Hlakungpui Mual, Khawbung:** Mizo Hlakungpui Mual (Mizo Poets' Square) is a monument to commemorate Mizo poets. It was set up in 1986 at the southern edge of Khawbung Village. In time, the local people decided to include all the Mizo Poets and writers who deserved recognition for their contributions to Mizo literature. The Committee agreed, and the selection procedures go as – Writers who have produced at least 3-4 books, and have had a prolonged influence on Mizo literature would be selected while Poets whose songs/poems have exceptional literary value would also be included. Writers/poets may only be included in Hlakungpui Mual five years after their death.



We woke up at 4:00 in the morning, we packed our belongings and loaded in the Buses, we left our Camp at 5:30am. We visited Hlakungpui Mual, Khawbung and we eat morning meal in Tuichang and we reached Aizawl safely at 10:45pm. We can conclude our report that, the Study Tour 2022 was very pleasant and informative one and proved to be an enjoyable experience for all of us.

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On behalf of the Study Tour Committee:

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