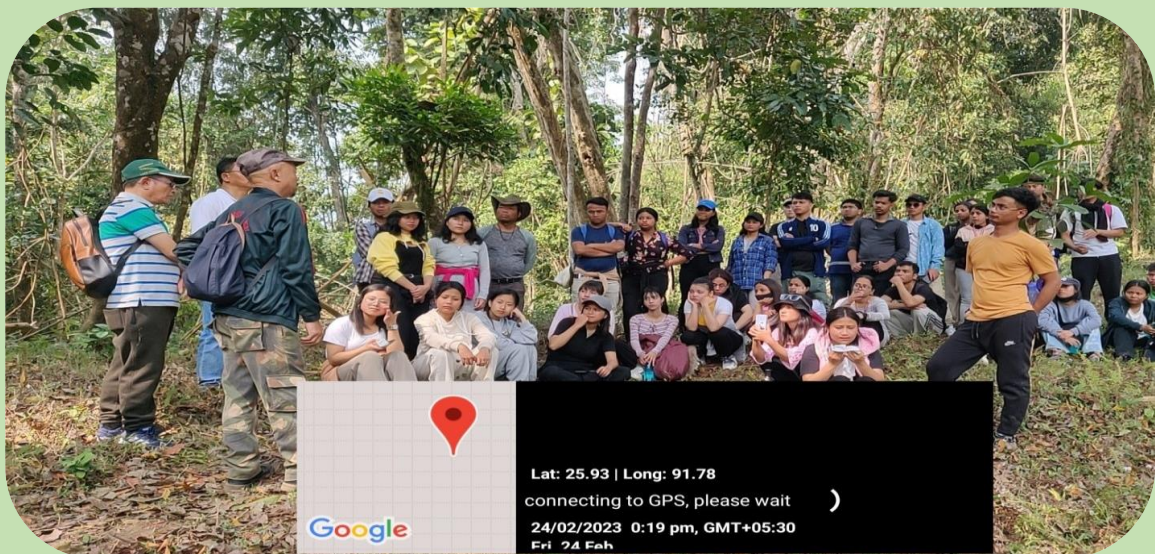


A TRIP TO NONGKHYLLEM WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Nongkhyllem Wildlife Sanctuary is located in Ri-Bhoi District of Meghalaya, about 53km distance from Shillong it covers an area of about 29.00sq.km. The Sanctuary falls in the Eastern Himalayan Global Bio-diversity Hotspot. This area is rich in Flora and Fauna wealth; it has attracted the attention of many research scholars from all over the country.



Therefore on the 24th February, 2023, we the 6th semester students from the Department of Geography, St. Edmunds College Shillong went for a Trip to Nongkhyllem Wildlife Sanctuary guided by our respected teachers Prof. Gideon L. Kharkongor, Prof Mark J. Ford, Prof. Wanrihun D. Diengdoh, and our respected HOD Prof. Osmond Kharmawphlang. And we started our Journey around 7:30 am and we reach Nongkhyllem Wildlife Sanctuary at 11:00 am.



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When we reach there we got introduced to the forest guide that guided us to the forest, as we started to venture into the wild we encountered some tree species, animal footprints and animal pathways, salt pond where the animals go to drink water from it, elephant foot trails and their waste. The guide and our teachers help us identify what type of footprints that we found whether it's a male or female, elephant, deer, or any other animals. And after that we went to venture more but we didn't find any tracks so we came back, and on our way back we met with the Forest ranger and he explains us more about the Flora and Fauna that inhabits the forest, after that we went to venture more just in case to find some animals but sadly we could only encounter only their footprints and their pathways. And lastly we went back to the forest beat house and had our lunch there and before leaving the place we took a group photograph along with our teachers and went home safe and sound.

