

## *Report of the Field Trip to Sohra*

The Department of History, St. Edmund's College, Shillong, organized a field trip for the students of 5<sup>th</sup> Semester. On 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 (Tuesday), the faculty members of the department, Prof. D Suting (HOD), Prof. D. Rynjah, Prof. B. Rymbai, Prof. R. Basaiawmoit and, Prof. H. Hiwale, along with the students went to Sohra (Cherrapunji) to explore and to get an informative insight of some sites with historical significance. The journey started at 9.30 AM from the college campus.

The first site was at Pomsohmen, Sohra in which the students took an insightful look at the Megalithic structures present there. A detailed explanation about the structures signifying native family traditions was provided to the students. The next important monument in the trip was the Nongsawlia Presbyterian Church, which is the first established Christian Church in the Khasi-Jaintia Hills. It was founded by Thomas Jones, the first Missionary to the Khasi Hills and known as the Father of Khasi alphabets in 1846. The first building of the Church was built upon a hillock of the present day Nongsawlia Cemetery, which was destroyed in a disastrous earthquake that took place in June 1897. The new building of the Church was built in 1898. Then the students were taken to the site of Christian Missionaries and Colonial Cemetery located near the Church.

The next destination was the Thomas Jones School of Mission at Nongsawlia which was inaugurated on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2000. Previously it was known as Cherra Theological College, and was one of the oldest building representing early 20<sup>th</sup> century colonial architecture. It had trained pastors from various tribes such as the Khasis, Mizos, Nagas, Kukis, Bodos, etc. Thomas Jones School of Mission was established to train the mission workers from different part of Khasi-Jaintia Hills. Then the group proceeded to the David Scott Memorial Stone at Saitsohen. It is a monument erected in honour of David Scott, a political agent to the Governor General on the North- East Frontier during the colonial years. Further the group explored the ruins of the residence of Major J.B. Shadwell and a cemetery adjoining the bungalow where the sepoy of the English East India Company were cremated.

Lastly, the students along with the faculty members enjoyed a warm and delicious lunch together which was hosted by Mr laikynmawlang Buam, who also guided the students and the professors throughout the trip. The trip was full of thoughtful and informative insights and interactions along with utmost fun. The group returned and reached the college campus at 7 PM.

**Sanjukta Baruah**





 GPS Map Camera



**Cherrapunji, Meghalaya, India**

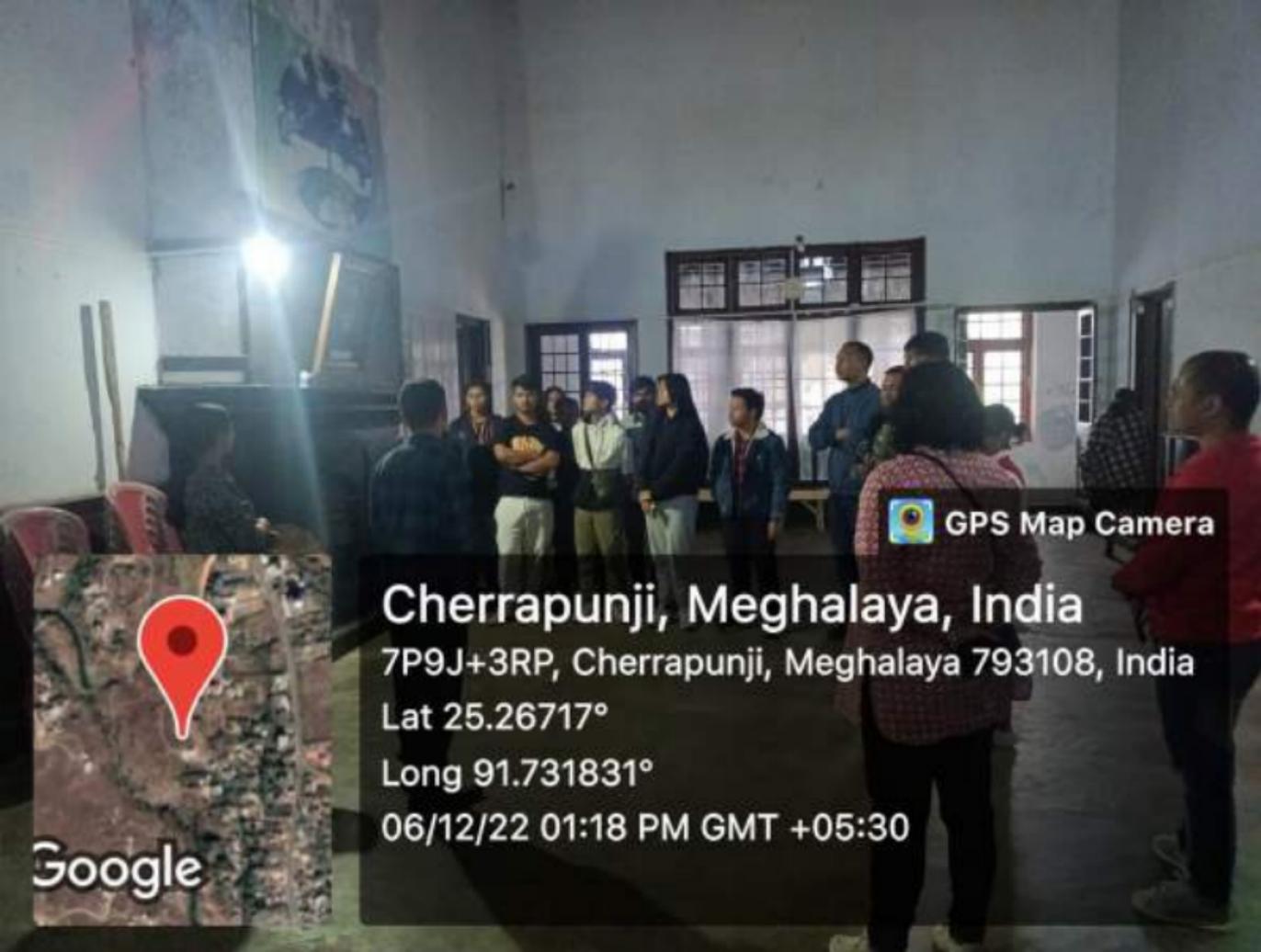
7PCH+8W2, Cherrapunji, Meghalaya

793108, India

Lat 25.271268°

Long 91.729702°

06/12/22 12:17 PM GMT +05:30



GPS Map Camera

**Cherrapunji, Meghalaya, India**

7P9J+3RP, Cherrapunji, Meghalaya 793108, India

Lat 25.26717°

Long 91.731831°

06/12/22 01:18 PM GMT +05:30



Google



GPS Map Camera

**Cherrapunji, Meghalaya, India**

7PHH+JFC, SH 5, Cherrapunji, Meghalaya

793108, India

Lat 25.27851°

Long 91.727588°

06/12/22 11:54 AM GMT +05:30



Google



GPS Map Camera

**Cherrapunji, Meghalaya, India**

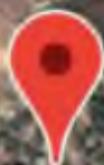
7PHH+JFC, SH 5, Cherrapunji, Meghalaya

793108, India

Lat 25.27853°

Long 91.727584°

06/12/22 11:54 AM GMT +05:30



Google



GPS Map Camera

**Cherrapunji, Meghalaya, India**

7PCH+8W2, Cherrapunji, Meghalaya 793108,  
India

Lat 25.271268°

Long 91.729702°

06/12/22 01:17 PM GMT +05:30



Google



GPS Map Camera



**Cherrapunji, Meghalaya, India**

7PHH+JFC, SH 5, Cherrapunji, Meghalaya

793108, India

Lat 25.2783°

Long 91.727748°

06/12/22 11:49 AM GMT +05:30

Google



GPS Map Camera



**Shillong, Meghalaya, India**

HV8V+F4P, NH6, Dhankheti, Laitumkrah,

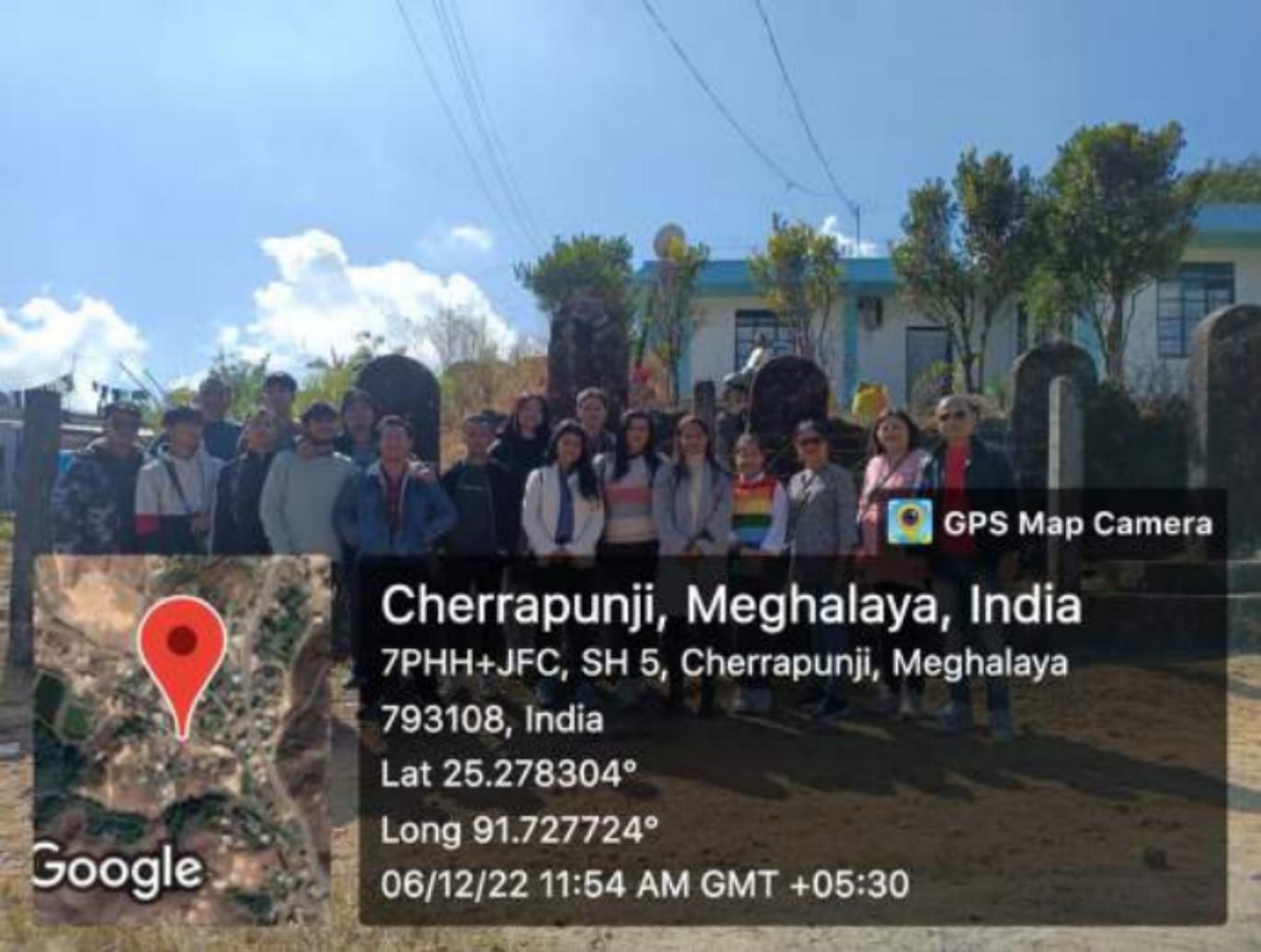
Shillong, Meghalaya 793003, India

Lat 25.566374°

Long 91.892565°

06/12/22 08:55 AM GMT +05:30

Google



GPS Map Camera

**Cherrapunji, Meghalaya, India**

7PHH+JFC, SH 5, Cherrapunji, Meghalaya

793108, India

Lat 25.278304°

Long 91.727724°

06/12/22 11:54 AM GMT +05:30



Google

HISTORY 3<sup>RD</sup> SEM 2021

<b>Roll No.</b>	<b>Name</b>
<b>Hons Roll No.</b>	
A2007212	JOIE CHAKRAVORTY
A2007215	LAETITIA SHAUNA SYIEMLEH BUAM
A2007216	DARIHUN PALE
A2007217	KONGKAKPASSAH
A2007218	LEANDER L. L. MARBANIANG
A2007222	THOMAS ZODINTHARA
A2007223	IZAAC PYNKMEN WARJRI
A2007225	CHARLESSTAR SHABONG
A2007232	BHARGOV KUMAR SARMAH
A2007233	SANJUKTA BARUAH
A2007234	MUSTAFIZA NAZNIN HAZARIKA
A2007235	NANGIAIKMENLANG SYNGAI
A2007241	IALAMBHA JASON BAMON
A2007213	RONAN D. NONGRUM