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### A Field Survey – Shillong & Mawlynnong, Meghalaya, 2019-2020

Nine students of BA 3<sup>rd</sup> year Honours undertook a Field Survey to Shillong & Cherrapunji, Mawlynnong (East Khasi Hills) of Meghalaya from 5<sup>th</sup> November to 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019. The tour was led by a faculty member of the geography department.

**Shillong** is a hill station and the capital of Meghalaya and the only hill station in the country that is accessible from all directions. The name Shillong is derived from U-Shyllong, a powerful deity and is situated at an altitude of 1,491m above sea level. The city lies in the center of a plateau and is surrounded by hills. This beautiful city is 103kms from Guwahati.

**Cherrapunji**, village, southern Meghalaya state, northeastern India. It is located on the Shillong Plateau about 35 miles (55 km) southwest of Shillong, the state capital. Cherrapunji is noted for having one of the world's highest average annual precipitation levels, about 450 inches (11,430 mm).

The cleanest village in India, **Mawlynnong** Village is also known as God's Own Garden and for all the right reasons. In 2003, Mawlynnong was awarded the title of the **cleanest Village in Asia** by *Discover India*. Alongside cleanliness, the village has achieved a lot- be it 100 percent literacy rate, or a women empowerment scenario that the rest of the world can only dream of.

**Dawki Integrated Check Post** or *Dawki border crossing* is on Dawki-Tamabil is one of the few road border crossings between India and Bangladesh in West Jaintia Hills district in the state of Meghalaya, India, the corresponding post in Bangladesh is Tamabil post. Dawki ICP foundation stone was laid in January 2017 and will become operational in 2-18. It is used mainly for coal transportation to Bangladesh.

We visit these places with great excitement and all the students see the beauty of waterfalls and the physical environment. We visited Mawsmi Cave at Sohra 2-3 hrs away from Shillong. We were totally amazed by the unique beauty of stalactite and stalagmite .

The field survey was completed in Mawlynnong . In this village students are visited door to door for complete field surveys. For this the students are knowing the culture and lifestyle of the Khasi tribe.