

HISTORY HONOURS STUDENT STUDY TOUR REPORT

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Having given the privilege to guide the excursion team of history honours finale year student I am delighted to submit herewith a brief report. At the very outset, on behalf of the team and my on behalf I extend special thanks to the college authority for allowing us to go for study tour. I also convey my deepest appreciation to history department headed by Dr. Iris Odyo for financial and other logistic support without which this excursion would have been a futile failure. A very big thanks goes to the economic department and Miss. Bendangla for the financial assistance. We are also grateful to Rev. Dr., Phanenmo Kath for arranging a very smart and kind man Mr. Ranuj Doley to be our local guide. Our heartfelt thanks also go to our host family headed by Mr. Satya Nath, who had extended their best services with all the facilities available at their end.

Majuli is the largest river Island in the world located in between River Subansiri in the North and River Brahmaputra in the South in the State of Assam. In 1916 the Government of Assam had declared it as one of the districts in India. In the beginning of 20th century, it had an area of 1255 square kilometers but due to soil erosion maximum areas has been submerged and now only 352 sq.km is left for habitation. The Mising, Deori, Sonowal Kachari Kalita Brahmin and Ahom tribes are the indigenous people of the land.

A study tour team comprised of nine students, six male and three female took part from 6th June to 9th June 2022 to Majuli Island. We toured both villages and towns visiting important places. Some of the most important events are briefly stated here below:

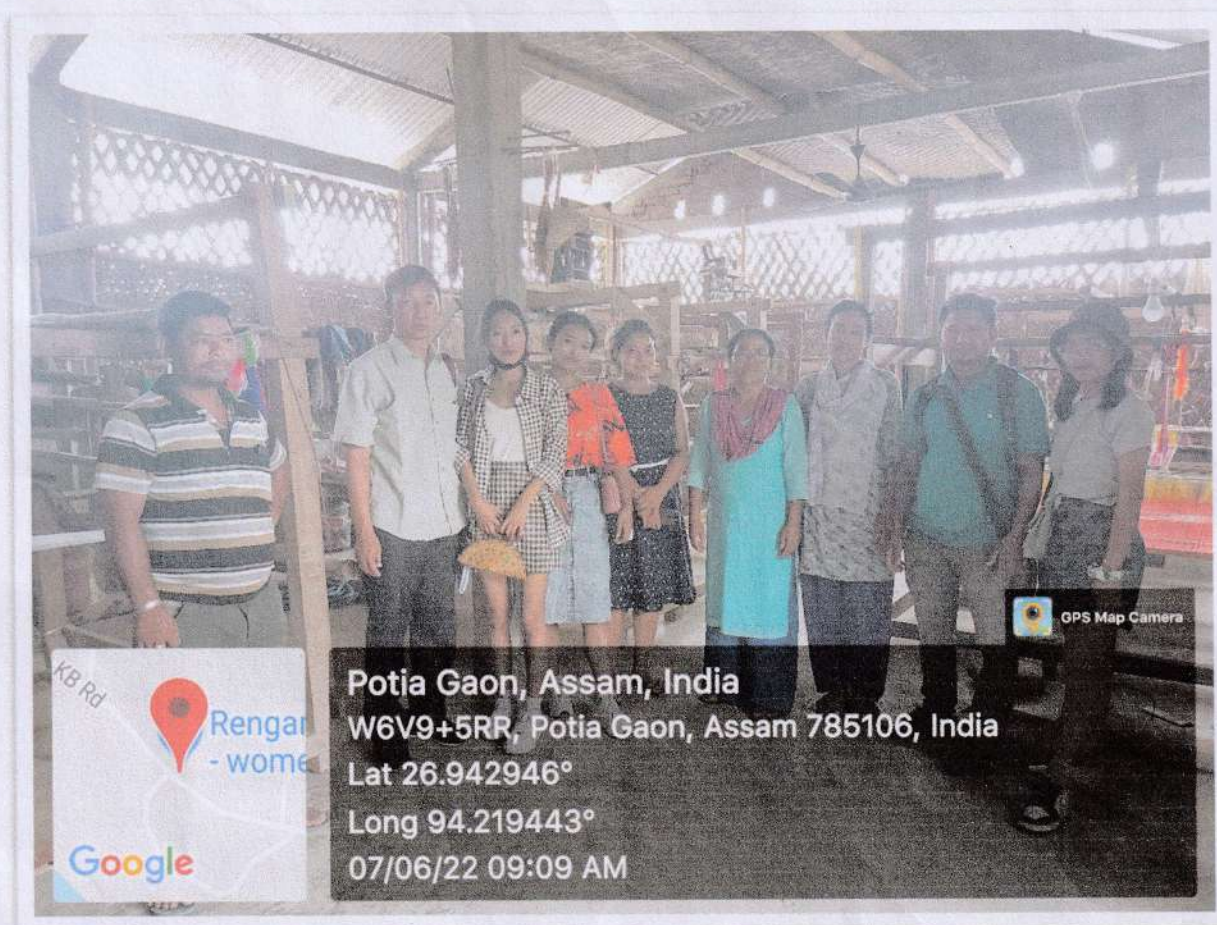
1. Women Weavers Cooperative, Rengam Majuli: A group of 180 women from Mising tribe formed a weaver society, out of it four of them works as a permanent weaver at the centre and the rest of the members work at home and brings their finished goods to the centre for sell and exhibition. They do not only weave cloths but also do basketry and wood carving.
2. Majuli College Kamalabari: Majuli college is one of the oldest and best colleges in the district. It was established in 1962 having both Arts and Science stream. With the permission of the Vice - Principal we visited both science and arts department. A very striking appearance of the college was the library which is well furnished with modernized facilities. Everything was digitalized where a student or teacher does not require help from the librarian.

We paid a quick visit to Zoology, Botany and Chemistry departments and had a short discussion with the teaching staff and also had a glance of the laboratories. Thereafter, we went to history department. In the midst of the discussion both parties had decided to have student and teacher interaction session. The interaction session was held at the college conference hall where all the history students along with the teaching staff participated. The interaction session was chaired by Miss. Anannya Boruah, Asstt. Prof. department of history Majuli College. The session began with a welcome address by chairperson followed by a short speech delivered by Dr. Kenilo Kath Asstt. Prof. history department, Sao Chang College. The main focus of the interaction session was on the racial affinities of the north east people. Two students

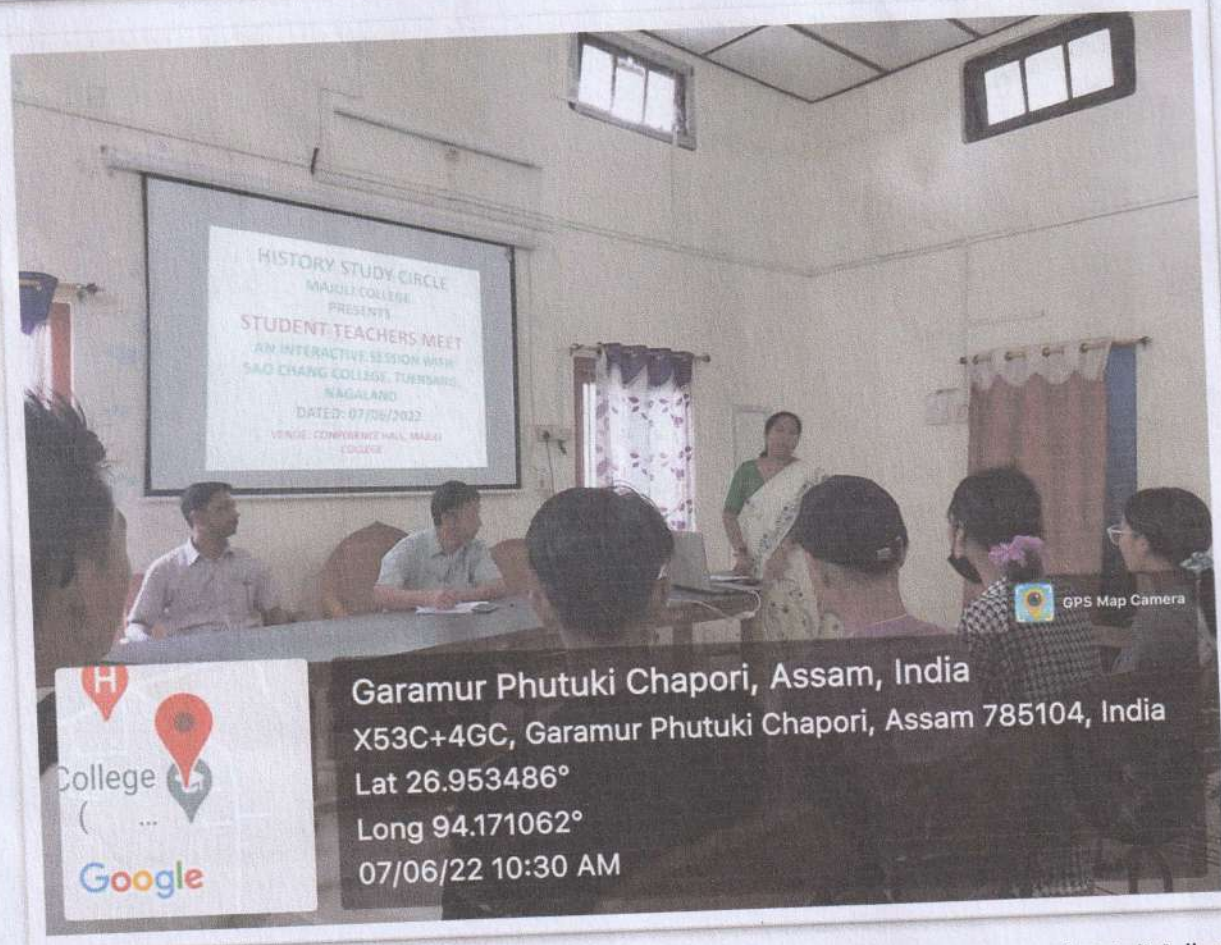
from Sao Chang College and four students from Majuli College expressed their thoughts and also a traditional dance and songs were presented by the Majuli students. Mr. Debojyoti Kataniar, Head of department history, Majuli college gave a speech and concluded the session. Though, it was a sudden arrangement, we had a heartbreaking moment of exchanging knowledge.

3. Rangachahi College Majuli: After receiving a fruitful interaction at Majuli college, we again decided to visit Rangachari College, Majuli. At Rangachari college, we called on the Principal and the head of department history at the former office and had half an hour interaction.
4. Interaction with Villagers at Kalamou Village: On 7th June evening we got the privilege to have an interaction session with the villagers of Kulamou village, Majuli. During the session the elders of the village narrated their origin and cultural life.

As stated above we toured both rural and urban areas witnessing the scenic cultural life of Majuli but only some selective are briefly mentioned herewith. Every movement of the team was very fruitful and beneficial, however, getting the opportunity to meet the intelligentsia group at institutions was the most knowledge gaining occasion we come across.



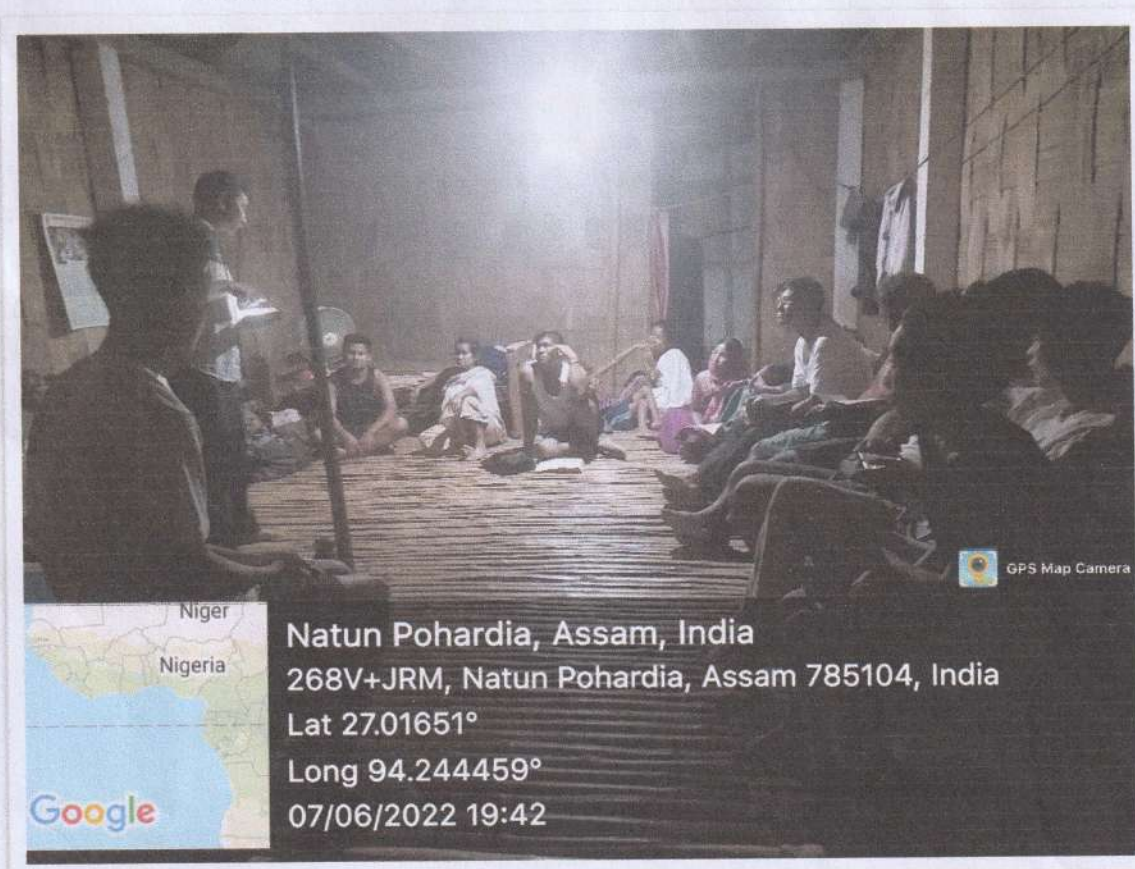
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Students Teachers Meet An Interactive session with Sao Chang College, Tuensang and Majuli College Kamalabari.



Photo with the Principal, Rangachahi College Majuli.



Meeting with the Kulamou villagers Majuli
