KIANG NANGBAH GOVERNMENT COLLEGE, JOWAI DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE ORGANISED EDUCATIONAL TOUR

VENUE: SOHRA

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The Department of Political Science conducted an Educational Tour to Sohra on the 13/5/2022 for the students of 6th semester (Political Science Honours). The students are studying a paper (Government and Politics in North East India —— Psc.07) which has a unit on the traditional institutions and the office of the Syiem, thus, the trip was organised with an objective to meet the Syiem of Hima Sohra.

Altogether there were 41 students (both male and female) and 4 teachers accompanying the students. On reaching the office of the Syiem, we were asked to be seated and to wait for the Syiem's arrival. The Syiem, Pa'iem Freeman Singh Syiem was assisted by the Secretary Hima Sohra, B.V Rymmai. On their arrival, Smt L. Kharpuria, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science handed them the programme of the day. She then made a brief Introduction of the teachers and students as well. The rest of the session was chaired by Smt I.S Rymbui, Assistant Professor of the department. She gave a brief introduction about the paper (Psc.07) which is currently being taught to the students of the 6th semester. This particular paper includes a unit on the Traditional Political Institutions in NEI in general and the office of the Sylem in particular. The HOD of the department, Shri S. Laloo, Associate Professor, was then called to give his speech. He again spoke a little about the paper (Psc.07) and also mentioned number of tourists throughout the year.

Smt. Rymbui then called upon the Sylem, Pa'lem Freeman Singh Sylem to deliver his talk. The Sylem first of all thanked us for taking the Initiative in bringing the students to Sohra and hoped that they would learn and take back whatever information provided to them in a positive manner. Pa'lem talked about the Sylem as the administrator of the Hima and informed us that the highest authority however is the Dorbar Hima. Pa'lem had prepared a write up on the Office of the Sylem of Sohra and gave us a few copies. He also requested us to share the same with the students so as to enable them to clearly understand the topic. The Secretary Hima Sohra, B. V Rymmai was then called for his speech. He being an author of many books, spoke about the history of the Hima, its previous Sylems and their administration etc.,. He also spoke at length about the khasi culture, customs, traditions and democratic governance which still prevails in Hima Sohra. Before resuming his seat, he told and encouraged our students to live a good life which could be achieved through the good conduct of ones behaviour.

Then the most interesting part of the session came, the part where students can put questions across to the Syiem and the Secretary to clear their doubts. Our students asked a number of questions to clear whatever doubts they had and the Syiem and Secretary answered them in the most simple ways to allow the students to understand better. It was indeed an interesting session. At the end of this session, the HOD of the department, Shri S. Laloo along with the faculty members and on behalf of the Department of Political Science, Klang Nangbah Government College Jowai, presented a memento to the Syiem as a token of appreciation for hosting us.

Shri S. Laloo, Associate Professor and HOD of the department then delivered the vote of thanks. He thanked our Principal Dr. E. M Blah for allowing us to take the trip, he also thanked the faculty of the department and the students for making it happen. He especially thanked the bus driver and his



assistant for driving us safely inspite of the very heavy rainfall. He thanked the Sylem and the Secretary for sparing their time to meet with us and also thanked the kongs for the refreshments served to us. Above all he thanked the Almighty for guiding and being with us throughout the journey to Sohra and prayed for a safe return back home.

To conclude, the outcome of the meeting with the Sylem was indeed very beneficial because our students were able to take away important information that is not made available in text books which will in turn help them in their studies about the Office of the Sylem and his Hima.

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