

Report on Educational cum Exposure Trip to Marong Manpat Waterfalls and Chitmang Chaiwat Nature Based Glamping Resort

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Theme: *“Tourism and Sustainable Transformation”* (World Tourism Day 2025 theme)

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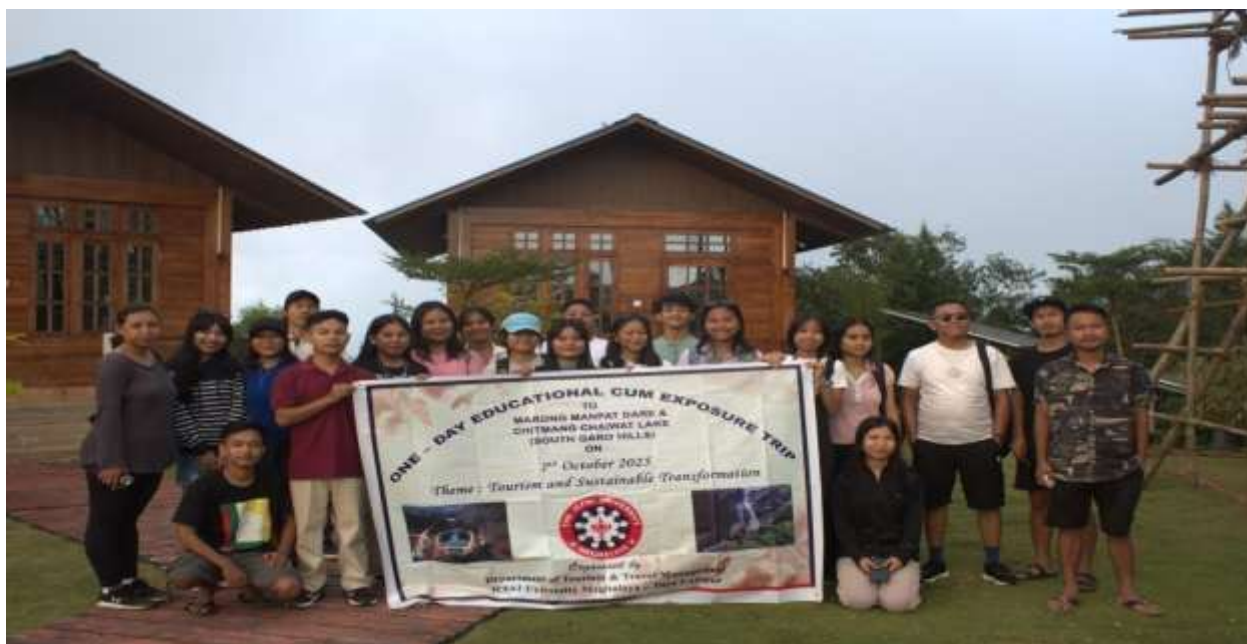
The Department of Tourism and Travel Management of ICFAI University Meghalaya, Tura organized a One Day Educational cum Exposure Trip for the BTTM students of the University to **Marong Manpat Waterfalls and Chitmang Chaiwat Nature Based Glamping Resort** on the 7th October 2025. The students and the staff gathered around 7:00 AM – 7:30 AM at Hawakhana junction and there from began the journey with a prayer by Mr. Staybirth D. Marak (BTTM 3rd Semester student) around 7:45 AM.

We reached Rongsa Awe village around 11:15 AM where we stopped for a short break before the trek to the waterfalls. A local guide named Mr. Mikasal M. Sangma guided us to our destinations safely. We reached the first destination around 12:15 PM and reached the 2nd destination around 3:45 PM.

The educational trip to Marong Manpat Waterfalls and Chitmang Chaiwat Lake was a valuable learning experience for the students. It helped them understand how tourism can be linked with sustainability and community development.



Marong Manpat Waterfalls also known as Matrong Malbat Dare is situated at Badri Rongding Awe, South Garo Hills Meghalaya. The students experienced the beauty of nature in its pure form. The peaceful surroundings, fresh air, and scenic waterfalls allowed them to observe how natural attractions can be preserved and promoted responsibly. The 40 minute trek and exploration activities made learning more engaging and memorable, inspiring students to support and promote eco-friendly tourism in the future.



Chitlang Chaiwat Nature Based Glamping Resort situated at Badri Rongdong was inaugurated on 17th June 2025 by the honorable Chief Minister of Meghalaya, Shri Conrad K. Sangma. The students learned how a man-made site can be developed and managed sustainably. The area includes glamping sites, tourist cabins, a restaurant, and multi-purpose water reservoir. Students understood how tourism can create livelihood opportunities for local communities and support eco-friendly development.



Positive Outcome of the Trip

The visit to both sites was not only enjoyable but also educational. It provided students with real – life examples of sustainable and responsible tourism, supporting the World Tourism Day theme “*Tourism and Sustainable Transformation.*” The experience motivated them to contribute towards protecting nature and promoting eco-friendly tourism in the future.

Conclusion and Acknowledgement

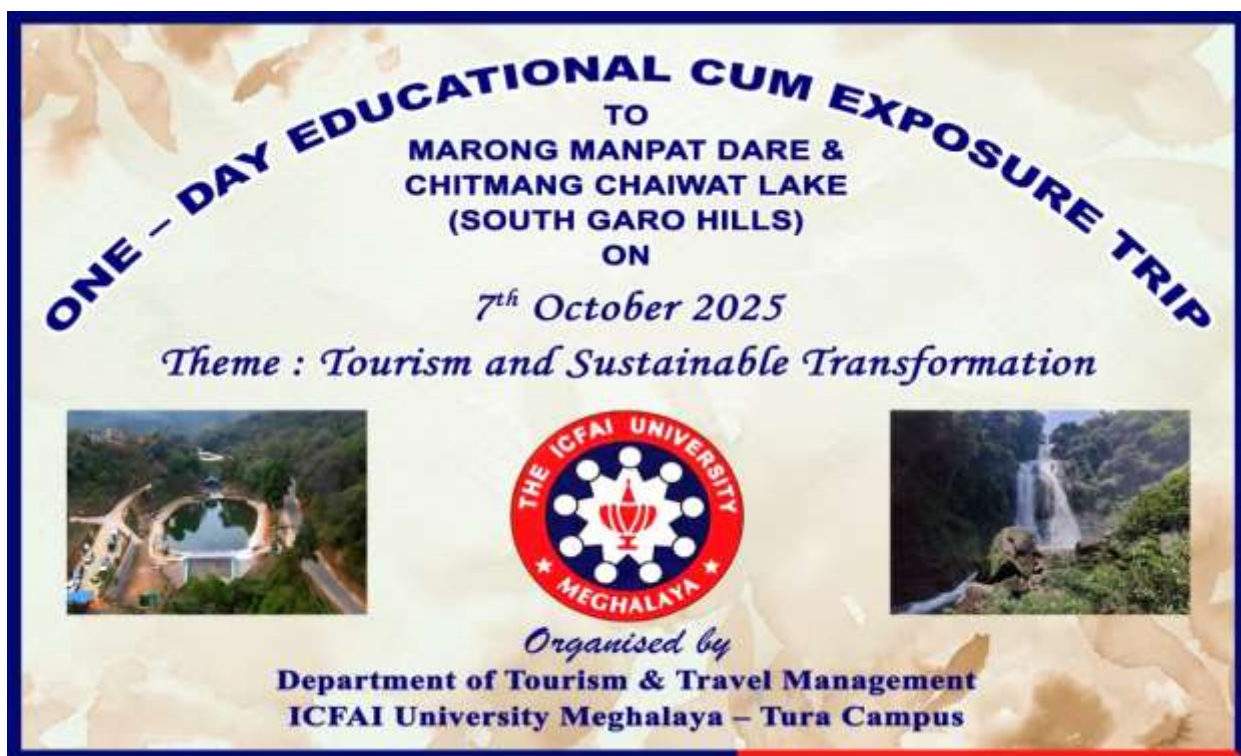
The one-day educational cum exposure trip to Marong Manpat Waterfalls and Chitmang Chaiwat Nature-Based Glamping Resort proved to be an enriching and insightful learning experience for all participants. The visit gave the students a first-hand understanding of how tourism and sustainable transformation – the theme of *World Tourism Day 2025* can go hand in hand through responsible planning, community participation, and conservation of natural and cultural resources.

Through this field exposure, the students observed how sustainable tourism initiatives can create local employment, preserve biodiversity, and promote eco-friendly development. The experience has encouraged them to become more conscious future tourism professionals, dedicated to promoting responsible travel practices in Meghalaya and beyond.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Madam Alicia Gatpoh, Vice Chancellor of the ICFAI University Meghalaya and Sir Proley M. Sangma, Director and Campus Incharge of ICFAI University Meghalaya, Tura campus for providing this valuable opportunity and for their continued support in facilitating experiential learning. Our heartfelt thanks also go to our tour guide, Mr. Mikasal M. Sangma and his friend and to the Manager and staff of Chitmang Chaiwat Nature Based Glamping Resort for their warm hospitality, cooperation and sharing insightful thoughts during the visit.

Lastly, special appreciation goes to Mr. Bryan Boon R. Marak, Assistant Professor and Ms. Tengchime B. Sangma, Guest Faculty and Mr. Tengkle R. Marak, Office Assistant who accompanied and guided the students throughout the trip and to all the participating students whose enthusiasm, discipline, and active involvement made the trip both meaningful and memorable.

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