## **Eco-Club, Pettigrew College, Ukhrul**

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As a part of the 71<sup>st</sup> Wildlife Week Celebration, under the aegis of Environmental Force at Grassroot Level (ENFOGAL) organized Nature Camp from October 3 to 5, 2025, in collaboration with the Divisional Forest Office (DFO) Ukhrul, **Pettigrew College Eco Club**, and the Wildlife Trust of India. The event, held at Paorei–Shirui area on the theme "**Human–Animal Coexistence**".

Out of a total of 37 campers, 28 students, along with one Teacher in charge from Eco-club participated in the three-day camp. The program received strong support from DFO Ukhrul, Deputy Commissioner of Ukhrul, and the President of Tangkhul Shinao Long, all of whom encouraged the youngsters to be the guardians of Mother Nature.

The Nature Camp was enriched by the active involvement of the Shirui Youth Club, Greenland Youth Society, local teachers, and media personnel from Ukhrul. The primary objective of the camp was to nurture a sense of environmental responsibility and foster a deeper connection between humans and nature through holistic, hands-on learning experiences. The program emphasized understanding nature's delicate balance and the importance of peaceful coexistence between humans and wildlife in the face of increasing ecological challenges

Throughout the three days, participants engaged in a series of interactive and educational activities designed to awaken their curiosity and commitment toward the environment. These included species study and identification, night trail exploration, bird watching, camera trapping sessions, and a workshop on waste management. Expert lectures, group discussions, and storytelling sessions added depth to their learning, helping the youth grasp complex ecological concepts in simple, relatable ways.

Forest experts and educators highlighted the significance of biodiversity, the threats faced by wildlife due to habitat loss and climate change, and the need for community-led conservation efforts. The DFO team demonstrated field techniques in species tracking and the use of camera traps, which fascinated the campers and gave them a glimpse into real-world wildlife research.

## **Photos Collection**



Camp Site, Paorei-shirui



Interactive session on Importance of Wildlife



**Plant Species identification** 



Observation of Bamboo rat at the camp site.

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