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Members of the History Club, Government J. Buana College undertook an excursion to several caves located in and around Pukpui, Lunglei on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022. A total of 31 members (29 students and two faculty members) took part in the excursion.

The group departed from the college premises by bus at 10:00 am and reached Pukpui at around 10:30 am where they rendezvoused with the local guides for the day – Pu Dawnga and his colleague, who were members of the Village Council. The group then disembarked the bus at the central part of Pukpui village and made their way to the first cave. They reached the site after about half an hour’s trek at around 11:00 am. The cave was called “Puk Sei” (or “Long Cave”) by the locals. This cave was located at the foot of a cliff below Pukpui village. The guides explained that this cave has an important historical significance for the Mizos. They pointed out that the cave was used as a shelter by a number of Mizo families who fled Pukpui village during the Mizo insurgency years. After a few minutes’ rest and taking photographs of the area, the group then departed from the site.

The next cave was located in the Kawmzawl locality of Pukpui, a few kilometres away. The group reached the location at around 12:30 pm. This cave was called “Puk Thiang” (or “Double Caves”) as it had two large adjoining half-open caverns on the face of a small cliff. A small waterfall also flowed from above the top of the cave down the base of the cliff. The guides informed the group that in pre-modern times, the entire site used to be frequented by elephants and their mahouts. This cave used to serve as a shelter for them. The guides pointed out that the marks on the walls and ceilings of the cave were left by these elephants scraping their tusks on the rocks. The group had their lunch here and after a few documentary photographs were taken, they made their way to the last cave for the day.

The third cave was called “Bak Puk” (or “Bat Cave”) by the locals. The group trekked for another 45 minutes after which they reached their final destination. The route was treacherous, passing through steep hilly terrains covered by dense vegetation. The cave, as the name suggests, was home to numerous bats. After a few minutes were spent exploring and documenting the site, the group then made their way home.

After a brief rest at Kawmzawl helipad the group departed by bus at 3:00 pm.



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