

**Report  
on  
Field Study at the Dibru-Saikhowa Biosphere Reserve, Tinsukia  
By Department of Zoology, Dated 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2021**

Department of Zoology, in consultation with all its faculty members and students had decided to make a one day field study tour at the Dibru-Saikhowa Biosphere Reserve, Tinsukia, on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2021. Thanks should go to the Principal i/c, Mr. Bimal Chandra Gogoi for giving us permission to make the study tour and also for giving us financial aid of Rs. 3,000 /- (rupees three thousand) only from college for the purpose.

The Dibru-Saikhowa Biosphere Reserve, Tinsukia, is about 65 Km. from Namrup College. It comprises many types land structures such as wetlands, thick forests, grasslands, and newly formed lands with many rivulets and tributaries. Many areas of the reserve is constantly changing by the strong river currents and floodings from time to time.

We were 25 students and 7 teachers (including one family member) and started our journey at 7.00 a.m. in the morning from our college campus and reached the reserve by 10.00 a.m. After having breakfast at the "Banashree Eco Camp" we proceeded for exploring the wetland part of the reserve.

Since our team got only one day to explore the area, we had decided to visit and study one particular area, i.e. the Maguri Beel, Motapung part. It is one the most visited wetland area by all nature loving people as the area is always visited by variety of migratory birds along with many local ones during this time of period (November – April). Being a vast wetland we had to hire and engage locals along with their wooden boats for our works. We had about four (4) hours' boat explorations in the areas and could photograph some migratory birds in large groups and many local ones too. Apart from it, we could also record some varieties of dragon flies along the banks. We also could identify some common local fishes caught by locals for their own consumption there. We were guided by two professionals of "Banashree Eco Camp" during our short exploratory journey.

We could return to camp by 3.00 p.m. and after enjoying tasteful lunch we sat for a one and half hours short videos interaction on different topics – butterflies of Motapung, some important migratory birds at the reserve, and mammals of the reserve, as collected by the renowned local ornithologist, Joynal Abedin (Benu) and his son, Emon Abedin. A discussion session was organized with students along with Joynal Abedin as resource person and students got a new leaf in their life for the first time because they come to know that we are in the midst of one the richest biodiversity places on the earth. We returned back around 5.30 p.m. and reached Namrup College by 7.30 p.m. it was a memorable day.





**Group photo**



**During Field Study**



**Interactive session with the renowned local ornithologist, Joynal Abedin**

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