

## BTTM Students Field Trip to Fambong Lho Wildlife Sanctuary

The ICFAI University Sikkim organized a field trip for BTTM students on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2019 to Fambong Lho Wildlife Sanctuary, East Sikkim. Tourism is essentially an 'outdoor' subject per se, therefore the field was organized to complement the classroom lectures. Student of the BTTM course at the Wildlife Sanctuary got a first-hand experience to interact with the Forest Department Personnel, to know about the management of the Sanctuary, flora and fauna of the region, etc. A guide was assigned by the Forest Department, who is trained under the JICA project of Sikkim Forest, Environment and Wildlife Department. The person was resourceful to impart her knowledge and experience to the students about the tourism activities, as well as how to lead a trip. She guided the students up to the place called 'Tin Jurey' at around 9000ft altitude. It was a two and a half hour steep trek amidst rain and was filled with sheer thrill at the top most point. Students were encouraged to arrange the trip by themselves, i.e. where to stop, how long to take rest, to arrange breakfast and lunch and finally to pack up and return on time together safely. End of the trip students have come up with their findings as well as pros and cons they have found and/or experienced. As a result the trip has made them experienced in practical sense to how a trip of similar nature could be designed and conducted in future and most importantly how to make it through despite all difficulties and to keep the spirit high which is a very important aspect of any tourism endeavor. The guide was thanked with the 'Khada' of the ICFAI University Sikkim. The trip was fully funded and supported by the ICFAI University Sikkim

