

## **IAYP Trip to Dzükou Valley**

“If you believe that heaven exists, Dzükou it is !!”

Dzükou Valley, located at the border of the Indian states of Nagaland and Manipur, with its flora and fauna pure and untouched by the unscrupulous acts of man, is situated at an altitude of 2452 m above sea level. The valley is famous for its wide range of flowers in every season. But the most famous one is the Dzükou lily.

On 26<sup>th</sup> June, 28 students from Royal Global School started for the valley, as a field trip activity. Many of these students undertook the trip for completion of the qualifying journey for Silver level of The International Award For Young People (IAYP). On the first day, the group reached base camp late in the evening and after an early dinner and instructions for the days to follow, the group went to bed to wash off the tiredness from the day's journey. On the second a preliminary trek was conducted to build up the stamina of the students and finally, on 28<sup>th</sup> July, the group started the trek early in the morning. With packed breakfast and lunch and all other essential items, the members were brimming with excitement and no rain or leeches could dissuade them from their goal. It was an unforgettable experience, as they climbed, walked, crawled to reach the lush green valley, vibrantly colorful flowers, indeed a visual treat to the soul. Mystic and tranquil, it was a rewarding experience for all to view the valley as they climbed the final stretch, completing successfully what was impossible for many others. Over all, thirty four thousand steps treaded by the campers were worth the soothing view of the lush green Dzükou valley.