



# THE BHARAT SCOUTS AND GUIDES

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**NATIONAL ADVENTURE INSTITUTE,  
SNOWVIEW, KURSEONG, DARJEELING, WEST BENGAL  
ESTABLISHED IN COLLABORATION  
WITH HIMALAYAN MOUNTAINEERING INSTITUTE (HMI) DARJEELING**

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## INSTITUTE

The Bharat Scouts and Guides has established National Adventure institute at Snow View, Kurseong, Darjeeling to provide low cost adventure to the youth of the country. The institute is committed to the promotion of adventure amongst the youth. This National Adventure Institute of Bharat Scouts and Guides is established in the year 2021 and has been conducting adventure programs starting from April, 2021 onwards and has opened avenues to enjoy nature through adventure activities not only to the members of the Bharat Scouts and Guides but also to the non-uniformed youth from various parts of the country.

## KURSEONG, DARJEELING



Kurseong Municipality established in the year 1879, Kurseong is a historical town having rich heritage. Kurseong is a hill municipality and was declared municipality town before subdivision formation.

Kurseong is a perfect place for people who want to derive the pleasures of being in an alpine surrounding without worrying about higher altitudes and bone-chilling cold weather. Kurseong does not suffer from severe winters and a healthy, comfortable climate is prevalent throughout the year except the monsoon season. It rains non-stop in the rainy season; in fact, Kurseong receives the highest amount of rainfall after 'Cherrapunjee' in Meghalaya. Ironically, such heavy amount of rainfall is ideal for white orchids that adorn the hill-slopes of Kurseong in abundance. The natural beauty of Kurseong thrives because of the generosity of the rain-gods.

## ADVENTURE WITH SIGHT SEEING PLEASURE

Kurseong is developing as a quiet hill station. Tea gardens include Castleton, Makaibarie, Ambotia and Goomtee. These tea gardens also offer 'bed and breakfast' type accommodation in workers quarters, etc. Kurseong was a rest

town and medical town during the British days, with a TB Sanatorium and various villas and bungalows.

The toy train station is the nucleus of the town. The train tracks run through the length of the town.

### Religious sites

1. The Ambhotia Shiva Temple.
2. Giddapahar Durga Mata Mandir.
3. Jagdish Mandir on Bank Road (on way to the Eagle's Craig). This temple has very old idols (almost 300 years old) of Lord Jagannath.
4. St. Paulseak Church on Hill Cart Road, Near St. Joshephs School.
5. Buddhist Gompa in Monteviot.
6. Buddhist Gompa in Dowhill Road
7. Juma Mosque in Hat Bazaar

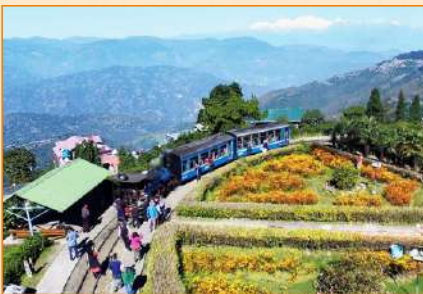
### Natural sites

1. Eagle's Craig.
2. Deer Park - Now known as DowHill Park, on the DowHill Road.
3. The Kholas (Water Falls-Springs) like Whistle Khola (named by the Britishers, as there is a bend & the toy train whistles when passing through it.)

**Museums:** 1. Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Museum and N S C Bose Institute of Asiatic Studies, hosted in the house of his elder brother, Sarat Chandra Bose, are situated at the Giddhapahar Area. Netaji was interned in this house by the British Govt. in the late thirties. The house now displays photocopies of the exchange of letters between Netaji and his would be wife, Ms. Emilie, many rare photographs of his Indian National Army (INA), other memorabilia of the Indian Freedom Movement and a few personal belongings of Netaji and the Bose Family.

### Other Sites

1. **Chimney:** A walk or ride through the forest of Cryptomaria Japonica on the road, now called Aranya Sarani, leads to the vast open meadows at Chimney. The curious name of the place is reminiscent of the days, when there was a Bungalow here on the only road (Old Military Road) leading to Darjeeling. A long, dilapidated chimney, standing all alone, is the only remnant of the bungalow now.



## PROGRAMME

To meet the urge and need of the young people, National Adventure Institute, Kurseong is organizing the following programs in collaboration with the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute,(HMI) Darjeeling .

- 1 National Adventure Programmes of 05 days.
- 2 Special Adventure Programmes for institutions.
- 3 Adventure programmes for Clubs. Groups etc.
- 4 Package Programmes for (Day -1, Day -2 & Day -3)

## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

It is open to all the members of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, all the Educational Institutions, Adventure clubs and other voluntary Youth Organizations who are interested in promoting and participating in adventure activities.

**Participants should fulfill the following criteria:**

- 1 Youth belonging to age group 08 to 45 years (relaxable for physically fit person).
- 2 Participants should be physically fit to undertake strenuous activities during the program.
- 3 In case of participants below 18 years of age, one adult leader for every 06 to 08 members should accompany and he/she should not be more than 45 years of age and should be physically fit.
- 4 Medical fitness certificate from a registered medical practitioner should be sent/ brought along with the application form by the participants including escorts.

## ACTIVITIES

Tentative Programme includes thrilling and challenging-Expedition Trekking, Obstacles Crossing, Archery, Pistol Shooting, Fun base activities, Visit to the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute (HMI), Himalayan Zoological Park and Darjeeling Sight-Seeing etc. Daily camp fire at night is another entertainment of the programme. Scouting/Guiding method is adopted in the programmes



## HOW TO APPLY

Application containing full postal address in prescribed form along with medical fitness certificate from a registered Medical Practitioner and a demand draft of Rs. 1000/- as registration fee per head (non-refundable) if selected and not participated within the same financial year payable in favour of The Bharat Scouts and Guides, Central Bank of India Kurseong” Account No- 3897627744, IFSC Code No- CBIN0281282. To motivate cashless transactions, participants can do online transactions through MPS/RTGS/NEFT in the aforesaid Account Number.

### SELECTION

Selection information will be sent on receipt of application form, medical form and registration fee. Only selected candidates will be allowed to join the program.

### CERTIFICATE

Participants who successfully completes the National Adventure program will be awarded the National Level “Participation Certificate”

## WHAT TO BRING

The temperature will be cold. Participants should be well prepared for the climate. Woolen jerseys or thick jackets, sleeping bag/ blankets, rucksack, bed sheet, uniform( for Scouts & Guides) full sleeves cotton shirts of T-Shirts, cotton pants/ Jeans, P-Cap/ baseball cap, jungle/ hiking boots or durable sports shoes, 2 pairs of cotton socks, light-water bottle, umbrella, mug and plate including a lunch box, thread and needle, spare buttons, pen / pencil, note book, toilet gear including toilet requisites , nail-cutter, adhesive plaster and first aid kit, water purifying tablets and odomos and carry sufficient mask, hand-sanitizer, hand - gloves and soap for personal use. (As mentioned in the circular)

## RISK MANAGEMENT AND SAFETY MEASURES

Extensive and painstaking preparations have gone into the planning of the adventure programs for ensuring the safety of the participants. Our field staff and experienced instructors have been visiting the area to check all details. Every care is taken of each participant, the program, accommodation, food, sanitation etc. The Institute shall not be responsible for any unforeseen events that may occur during the program or after the program.

### INSURANCE

All the participants are insured by the institute for the complete duration of the programme.

### MEDICAL FACILITY

During the programme, Medical facility will be made available round the clock.

## ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is provided in the building

## FOOD

Nutritious food is served to the participants keeping in view the food habits of participants from all parts of the country. Vegetarian & Non-Vegetarian food is also served. In addition to this, facilities of fridge, equa guard, water filter are also available

## FACILITIES

The institute has well-furnished dining hall and other facilities of entertainment. Mobile charging points are made available.

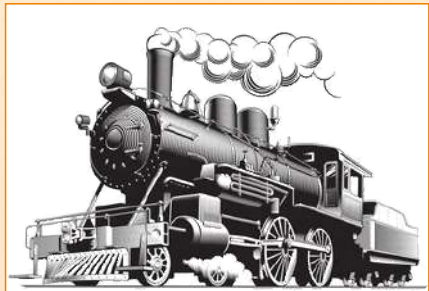
## SCOUT SHOP

Scouts Guide literature, other equipments and materials related to camping and adventure activities are available on sale in the Institute.



## HOW TO REACH

- ❖ The Nearest Railway Station is New Jalpaiguri (NJP) which is in Guwahati rail line.
- ❖ From NJP Station to camp site, share jeeps are available to reach Snow View, Kurseong Camp site
- ❖ From NJP Station, Share Auto is available to reach Siliguri Town (Darjeeling Bus/Jeep stand (Kurseong pijo Stand) form, there, share Tata Sumo/ Jeep and Buses are available for Kurseong
- ❖ Get down at Kurseong Railway Station. From Kurseong Railway Station local transports are available to reach Snow View campsite. It is 10-15 minutes



walking distance from Kurseong Railway station. Snow View camp-site is just near to Kurseong Police Station

#### Approximate Fare:-

- ☞ NJP Railway station/Siliguri to Kurseong (By jeep) - 200/- Per head
- ☞ NJP to Siliguri (Kurong taxi / Bus Stand) - 20/- Per head
- ☞ Siliguri to Kurseong (By Bus) - 70/- Per head

## SPECIAL INSTRUCTORS

- 1 We protect wild life and nature
- 2 This is an environmental friendly program. Participants should not litter or dispose any waste materials irresponsibly except allotted dustbins in and around the Institute. In case they find any wrapper or plastic bag containing something left behind others on the way, they should carry the same with them to deposit in the campsite.
- 3 Booking on any programe is confirmed only on receipt of the registration fee.
- 4 Book in advance for selection.
- 5 Registration can be made for any program for any convenient month but selection will be made on **“first come first serve basis”**.
- 6 Fee includes expenses on food, accommodation, activity kit, equipment, first aid, insurance and other training expenses during the program.
- 7 No one will be admitted to any programme without selection letter issued from the Institute.



A hearty Welcome awaits you at the National Adventure Institute, Snow View Kurseong, Darjeeling.

## MESSAGE

Adventure has great importance in the youth programme of the Bharat Scouts and Guides. Our objective is to promote Adventure programmes to all the Youth of our country. With this purpose, we are running our National Adventure Institute, at Snowview, Kurseong, Darjeeling, West Bengal. The Institute is developed in collaboration with a prestigious organization "Himalayan Mountaineering Institute (HMI)" providing excellent facilities and program for an adventure-filled holiday which is the dream of all young people. Besides activities on the campus, outdoor activities like rock climbing, trekking in hill gorges and climbs, coming across beautiful natural springs and streams on the way is a unique experience. We offer very attractive programmes suitable for all groups of Youth at very economical rates. Why should anyone miss this rare opportunity of enjoying adventure? We look forward to welcoming you at the National Adventure Institute, Snowview, Kurseong, Darjeeling, West Bengal Family accommodation also provided for family camping and holiday.

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