



Students Daily Diary

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Week / Day : <u>2/3</u>	Date / Day : <u>12/06/2024</u> <u>Wednesday</u>
Time of arrival : <u>—</u>	Time of departure: <u>—</u>
Objective of activity / visit: <u>Exploring nearby area</u>	Outcome of the activity / visit: <u>Discovered a nearby ghost village</u>

Major points of the day:

Beyond touristy trails:

Today's adventure took a more somber turn fueled by curiosity and yesterday's explorations, I decided to venture further into the hills behind the village.

Following a barely-there trail, I hiked for what felt like hours, the path growing fainter. Finally, I emerged into a clearing.

Crumbling stone structures, roofs gone, stood like skeletal sentinels amidst overgrown vegetation. This wasn't a house or two; it was a ghost village, empty houses overtaken by the nature.

But amidst the decay, I spotted a wisp of smoke rising from a chimney in the distance. Following it, I found

a small, seemingly occupied house. The President of the NGO explained that most of the villagers now left in search of opportunities but still some of the old remain. We spoke to a kind elderly lady, spoke for a while, her words painting pictures of a once thriving community forced to relocate.

The few remaining residents like her, cling to their ancestral homes, a testament to their resilience.

Leaving the village, I carried a heavy heart. The vibrant life I encountered yesterday contrasted sharply with the desolation I witnessed today. This experience highlighted the complex realities faced by rural communities making me even more determined to understand the local communities.