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IT ALL began not with my school, but with a place that has shaped me in quiet but powerful ways—Bamboosa Library in Tezu, Arunachal Pradesh. I've been a junior volunteer there for the past three years and who knew that this humble library would open a door to one of the most unforgettable journeys of my life.

One day, Uncle Moosa—the heart and soul of our library, and its founder—received an invitation from Dr. Meuisa, the Coordinator of a three-day fest called 'Nurturing Young Minds for 21st Century Skills' to be held at the North-East Regional Institute of Education (NERIE), Shillong.

To my surprise and joy, my friend Anushka and I were chosen to be a part of this fest. I had never been to Meghalaya before. So, when I heard I was going to Shillong, I felt an explosion of excitement.

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My Shillong Story

