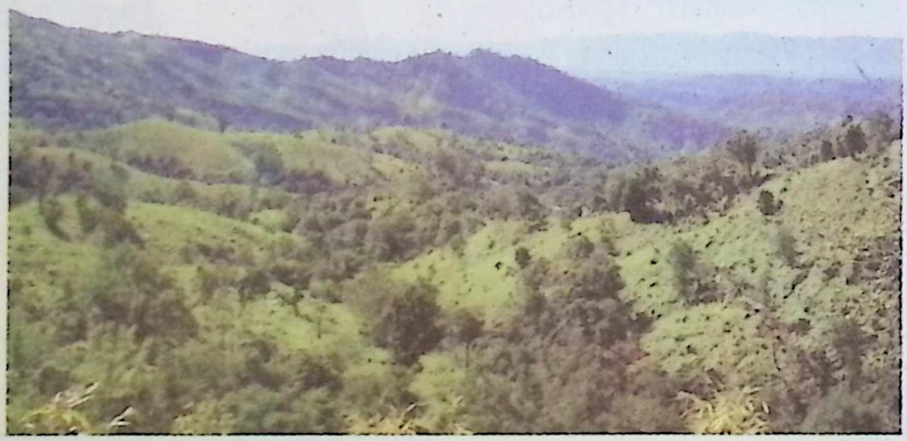
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## Lost in Paradise

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WILL anyone believe me if I claim we visited heaven recently? No exaggeration! When you roll along serpentine roads cut through dark trees populating rough, blue hills, the words that pour from your mouth are *amazing, fabulous, picturesque* ... Yes, it's near the sky, it is heaven! We met heaven...on earth.

We, the students of the Department of English, Jahangirnagar University, were eagerly waiting for a break from our usually busy schedule. And when the opportunity came, we grabbed it, planning a refreshing change: a tour of Bandarban and Rangamati. After a month of preparation; convincing parents and managing the funds, we started off on our way.



We reached Bandarban in the evening. Everyone was excited but it took some time to decide on the room distribution in the hotel! The group then dispersed. Some went to visit the river Sangu, some rushed to indigenous food shops to try tribal foods. *Nappi* is a popular food item that we had heard of in Dhaka; arriving at Bandarban we learnt that this is basically a type of spice, with strong, intense smell, mixed with almost any kind of food items but it's used especially with boiled prawns. Some of us also tried spicy oyster, the meat of monitor lizard ("gui shaap"), and an indigenous broth!

Next morning we went to a *kyong*, a Buddhist temple nearby at the top of a hill before we started for Shoilopropat waterfall, Peak 69, Chimbuk, and Nilgiri. We rode on the popular land cruiser jeeps popular locally! Soon enough, the wheels started rolling. The whole journey was a cacophonous orchestra of shouting, singing and screaming. We were equally gleeful and afraid when the jeeps were rushing down and up the numerous deadly curves! Few of us knew about such beauty present in Bangladesh. No one can believe unless they see for themselves how heavenly the scenic view of Shoilopropat, the gorgeous beauty of Chimbuk, and the eye-soothing expanse of Nilgiri peak are! When you are at Nilgiri, the range of sky is so big and the sky is so near, it seems you can touch the heaven! We probably were also back to our childhoods; otherwise

