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RESERVE FOREST PONGCHING VILLAGE

The Pongching village is a small village consisting of 400 - 500 household that falls under Longleng district subdivision , Nagaland ,India . The village is known for it's beauty of the flora and fauna along with it's rich tradition . The village consist of low literacy rate and therefore the people mostly depend on cultivation . Although with the low literacy rate in the village the students council along with the village council has come up to take up the responsibility to preserve the forest in all way possible . There are many forest conservation places in Pongching Village which of the one is the Reserve forest that falls under the border of Pongching and Yangpi village . The locals completely forbid deforestation , hunting, poaching and illegally activities that cause harm to the forest and it's surrounding in the Reserve Forest. The locals take solely responsibility to preserve the forest in the best way they can by establishing unions and also a volunteer that reside in the forest away from the village for the proper maintenance and to aware the locals if any harm or danger caused in and around the forest .

To begin with , The Reserve Forest in Pongching Village in a huge forest conservative area that covers half of the border between the Pongching and the Yangpi village . The reserve forest along with it's beauty consists varieties of trees and there exists various types of animals and plants as well. The locals even though with it's low literary rate, they took the initiative to conserve the forest in the early 90's and have been following the same method and practices till date . With the emergence of the modern world the Students council took up the initiative for the forest conservative and laid down some methods and activities for the conservation of the Reserve Forest .The locals realised that it is a necessary means to conserve the forest for the future generations and also to protect it's beauty for the welfare of the people . In the early the locals did not actually use any methods for the conservation of the forest ,they simply plant trees whenever they could and everyone were allowed to plant any kind of trees whenever they could and the forest gradually became richer in plantation, they were of the opinion that it would be better if they leave the forest as it is , as years passed by along with the emergence of the modern society they realised that they need a proper way to conserve the forest and therefore laid down rules and

regulations to conserve the Reserve Forest and everyone that reside in the village are made to follow it and also the rules and regulations being applied the same even for visitors of neighbouring villages .

Here are some of the rules made by the Student's council along with the locals :

1. No one should practice hunting , poaching or illegal activities within the reserved area .
2. Anyone practicing any sort of activities that cause harm to the reserve area will be penalised .
3. Anyone practising deforestation will be severely punished .
4. No one should practice farming within the reserve area .
5. No one should rear cattle or any domestic animals within the reserve area .

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In 2018, the Government recognised the Reserve Forest in Pongching Village and also it is the home for the Amur Falcon during the migration of the birds during winter in the month of October – November. The government realised it's importance and provided necessary tools and help to the locals and now all the forest conservative parts are taken under the care of the DMC department .According to the survey ,the DMC department provided 4 solar light to the village till date and also provided a water tower and installed in the forest river which is know as Noyak so the they would get sufficient water to take care of the forest and the village in general . There hasn't been much development since it has came to known to the Government only in recent years .

Nevertheless the locals along with it's student bodies and the village council continue to take care of it's flora and fauna and maintain a good ecosystem by planting and protecting it's forest from any harm and danger . The duty to protect and preserve its own forest became one of the most important duty for the locals and they continue to do it till date while maintaining peaceful relationship and living in harmony with the neighbouring villages .

THE ROAD THAT LEADS TO FOREST CONSERVATION IN PONGCHING VILLAGE

