

A VISIT TO THE LIBRARY

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AIZAWL 18th July, 2023 : It was a little over 3p.m when our teachers from the department of Sociology, Miss Laldinpuii and Sir Peka took us, the 1st Semester students of the department of Sociology for a visit to the library, the library of our prestigious college Pachhunga University College. We were first headed to the administrative block where we were told what we would be doing and the teachers explained to us the things that were done in the Administrative block. We then followed the teachers down to the library. As the campus of the college is vast and huge, the library was a little away from our department room, from our block. Not so surprisingly, the library was huge inside, it was clean and had a lot of books, there were clean shelves where we could keep our bags, we were to have an orientation there. We were informed that the library was automated and that there were two systems. We were told that the systems and our ID-card were all linked. There were two machines in the library which were Opac machine and Kiosk machine and self servicing was carried out using the two machines.. We were also informed that we could easily find the books and return books we want to read using the two machines. We were told that we would be given the library cards/ ID cards and a rope for free, which if lost, we could purchase it for ₹10 only, and using the card, we would be able to borrow books from the library. We were also told that an individual could borrow 5 books at a time and the books should be returned in 14 days. There were 2 floors in the Library building, the ground floor was the toilet, separate for ladies and gentlemen, the 1st floor consisted of books for students taking science, and the 2nd floor consisted of books for the arts section. On the 2nd floor, there were glass cupboards, and inside it, there

were special collections which were for preference but not for borrowing. Everything was well organised in the library, there were well arranged tables and chairs and again, there was a well carried out system of circulation of books section as well. The security system in the library was also very impressive, there were a few CCTV cameras. We were warned and advised not to lend our library cards to anyone else. The huge number of books the library consisted, and the cleanliness of the library as well as how well organised it was amazed each and everyone of us. We also felt a little proud to have such an impressive library in our college.

