

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
PACHHUNGA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**

Report for Two Day National Seminar on “Post Mizoram Peace Accord (1986-Present): Narratives, Development and Ongoing Issues in Mizoram”



Title of Seminar: “Post Mizoram Peace Accord (1986-Present): Narratives, Development and Ongoing Issues in Mizoram”

Organizing Department: Dept. of Sociology, PUC

No. of Participants: 18th /May/2023: 72 participants

19th/May/2023: 28 participants

The Department of Sociology organized a two-day National Seminar on “Post Mizoram Peace Accord (1986-Present): Narratives, Development and Ongoing Issues in Mizoram (aspart of G 20, 2023). The seminar focussed to examine the trends of Progress and Development in Mizoram that took place after the signing of the Mizoram Peace Accord in 1986.

The first day was divided into three sessions. The programme started at 10:00 am with welcome address delivered by Ms.Lalhmingmawii, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, PUC. The dignitaries on the dais were Prof.H. Lalthanzara(Principal, PUC), Prof. R K Mohanty(Head, Dept. of Sociology, MZU), H. Lallungmuana(Retd Associate Professor and former Head, Dept. of Sociology, PUC), Dr. H Laldinmawia (Head, Dept. of Mizo, PUC) and Mrs Lalbiakzuali Colney (Head, Department of Sociology, PUC).

Opening remarks and introduction of the programme was given by Prof. H. Lalthanzara and Prof. R. K. Mohanty gave an elaborate inaugural lecture. The key note address was delivered by Dr. H. Laldinmawia, while Mr. Lallungmuana gave a special address relating the theme of the seminar with his life experiences during the MNF Movement.

The first session concluded with the closing address delivered by Mrs.Lalbiakzuali Colney.

Second session

Prof. R K. Mohanty opened the session by welcoming the speakers of the seminar. The following were the presenters:

Lawmsangpuia presented a paper on, “A Theoretical Discourse on Special Schools: Role of Church and NGOs in Lunglei”.

DR. Samuel L Chuaungo presented on, “Conduciveness of the “Devil Drink” with the G20 Ethos: An Archaeological Studies of the Perception of Liquor in Mizoram”.

Catherine Lalhruaitluangi on “Redefining Mizo Feast: An Overview of the Development of Catering Services in Mizoram”.

SaidingpuiiSailo on “Tasting Mizoram: A Contemporary Analysis of Cookbooks as Social and Cultural Artifacts”.

The second session of the first day of the seminar came to an end after a short discussion on the papers presented.

Third session

DR N William Singh opened the session by making special reference to “Indicators of Growth and Development”. The presenters were:

R. Lalhruailiana spoke on “The Making of the Colonial Citizens as an Educational Ideal inMizoram”.

Lallawmsanga, presented on “Discourse on Forest Management in Mizoram: With Focus on Post-Peace Accord Scenario”.

Dr. Julie Zothanpuii Khawlhingspoke on “Women’s Participation and Engagement of Politics in Mizoram”, and

Lalmuansanga presented on “A Sociological Study of Low Birth Rate in Mizoram”.

The session came to an end with a short discussion on the papers presented.

Day 2: 19th May, 2023

The second Day of the Seminar started at 10:00 AM. The first session of the second day was on the theme, “Discourse on Women: Domestic Workers, Motherhood, Status, and Public Sphere”. The session was chaired by Dr. Laldinpuii Ralte, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology. The following were the presenters:

Rosie Vanlalruati Ralte, titled “Migration Pattern of Domestic Workers in Mizoram”,

Lalrindiki, on “Inside Central Women’s Jail, Mizoram: Experiences of Mothers and their Accompanying Children”,

Lalhruaimawii on “Changing Status of Women: A Focus on Women’s Representation in Politics, A Comparative Study of Mizo” and

Takolong Kichu presented on “Naga Women’s Inheritance Rights”.

After queries raised from the participants were clarified, the first session came to an end after a short remark given by the chair person.

Second Session

The second session on “Recent Sociological and Inter-Disciplinary Engagements on Mizo Society” was chaired by Dr. N. William Singh. The following were the presenters:

Lalbiakzuali Colney on “Development of Floriculture Entrepreneurship in Mizoram: Role of Mizoram Florist Association”,

R Zothanmawia presented on “Urban Poverty in Aizawl Municipal Corporation: An Impediment to Development in Mizoram”,

P C Vanlalpeka on the title, “Role of Village Council and Development of Village Health Security in Lungdai Village”,

Dr. H.S. Lalbiakengi on the “Role of Church in Promoting Welfare to the People”.

Dr N William Singh provided a brief summary on the presentations of the day and noted for the details of the queries raised.

Closing and Certificate Distribution

The event concluded with the distribution of Certificates. Mr. H.S. Lalsangpuia, Vice-Principal, Pachhunga University College handed out Certificate of Participation to the presenters and participants.

Overall, the national seminar was successful and fruitful with positive feedback from the participants, which encourages the organizers to organise more of such event in the future.



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