



# THE PUC CAMPUS REVIEW

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Motto : Learning & Service

## PROUD MOMENT:

# Alumni Shine in Civil Services Exam

**February, 2026 :** In a moment of immense pride and celebration, several distinguished alumni of the college have secured remarkable ranks in the Mizoram Civil Services (Combined Competitive) Examination conducted by the Mizoram Public Service Commission. The results were officially declared on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026, marking a significant milestone for both the successful candidates and the institution.

Among the notable achievers, Ms. Lalrammuani Hnamte (Economics, 2014–2017 batch) secured an outstanding 9<sup>th</sup> position in the Mizoram Civil Services (MCS). Mr. Lalhruaitluanga (Geology, 2016–2019 batch), a former Student Union Leader of the college, attained the 13<sup>th</sup> position in MCS. Closely following, Ms. Zohlmpuii (English, 2014–2017 batch) secured the 14<sup>th</sup> position, further strengthening the college's commendable performance in the premier administrative service of the state.

In the allied services, Ms. Lalrinzuali (Sociology, 2017–2020 batch) secured the 16<sup>th</sup> position and emerged as the topper in the Mizoram Finance & Accounts Service (MF&AS). Mr. K. Lallungmuana (Political Science, 2014–2017 batch) distinguished himself as the topper of the Mizoram Police Service (MPS), securing the 19<sup>th</sup> position

overall in the combined merit list. Further adding to this impressive achievement, Ms. Ruth Vanlalmuani (Political Science, 2022–2025 batch) secured the 22<sup>nd</sup> position in the Mizoram Information Service (MIS) and is reported to be the youngest candidate among those selected in the examination. Mr. J. Lalhriatpuia (Geography, 2010–2013 batch) also made the institution proud by securing the 33<sup>rd</sup> rank and being selected for the Mizoram Police Service.

The Mizoram Civil Services Examination is widely regarded as one of the most prestigious and competitive examinations in the state, recruiting officers for key administrative and allied services. The exceptional success of these alumni reflects the institution's sustained commitment to academic excellence, leadership development, and public service values. In the overall results, 3 candidates qualified for MCS, 1 for MF&AS, 1 for MIS, and 2 for MPS, underscoring the competitive nature and rigorous standards of the examination.

The college fraternity conveyed its heartfelt congratulations to all the successful candidates and extended best wishes as they embark on their professional journey in serving the state of Mizoram with integrity and dedication.

**LALRAMMUANI HNAMTE,**  
Economics, 2014–2017 batch  
9<sup>th</sup> Position MCS



**LALHRUAITLUANGA**  
Geology, 2016–2019 batch  
13<sup>th</sup> position in MCS



**ZOHLIMPUII**  
English, 2014–2017 batch  
14<sup>th</sup> position in MCS



**LALRINZUALI,**  
Sociology, 2017–2020 batch  
16<sup>th</sup> position, 1<sup>st</sup> position in MF&AS



**K.LALLUNG MUANA,**  
Pol. Science, 2014–2017 batch  
19<sup>th</sup> Position - 1<sup>st</sup> position in MPS



**RUTH VANLALMUANI,**  
Pol. Science, 2022–2025 batch  
22<sup>nd</sup> Position - 3<sup>rd</sup> position in MIS



**J. LALHRIATPUIA,**  
Geography, 2010–2013 batch  
33<sup>rd</sup> Position - 6<sup>th</sup> position in MPS



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## Editorial

We have once again entered the Even Semester. For undergraduate and post-graduate final-semester students, this period marks the final phase of their academic journey toward degree completion. This is a crucial semester, and I extend my best wishes to all students for success in their final examinations.

The Even Semester has comparatively fewer working days than the Odd Semester. In addition, an important sporting event — the MZU Sports Week — is scheduled for one week this semester.

At the same time, we continue to make steady progress under the New Education Policy (NEP). Within the NEP framework, it remains our collective responsibility and commitment to strive for excellence in examination results and to uphold our institution's strong academic performance under Mizoram University.

A new issue of the PUC Campus Review has now been released, highlighting various college activities, campus news, and significant events. I extend my sincere congratulations to all who have recently achieved notable milestones and accomplishments in both academic and non-academic pursuits.

Let us continue to work together toward excellence.

— Dr. Lalthlamuana Ralte

## Department of Biotechnology Organizes Inspiring 'MEET THE SCIENTIST'

**February ni 13, 2026:** The Department of Biotechnology at Pachhunga University College successfully hosted the "Meet the Scientist" programme on February ni 13, 2026 (Friday) at 3:00 PM in the department's Lecture Hall. The event aimed to provide students with firsthand insights into the world of scientific research and higher education.

The programme featured Dr. Lalnunluanga Ralte as the keynote speaker. Dr. Ralte shared his academic journey, detailing the milestones of his research career, challenges he faced, and the opportunities that shaped his professional path. He emphasized the importance of diligence, perseverance, and curiosity in scientific research, motivating students to set ambitious goals and pursue advanced studies. The lecture was followed by an interactive session, where students engaged actively with Dr. Ralte, asking questions about research methodologies, career prospects, and strategies for excelling in academia. The exchange provided practical guidance and inspiration, bridging the gap between theoretical learning and



real-world scientific practice.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from 70 students and 4 faculty members, reflecting the growing interest in biotechnology and research-oriented careers among the student community. College authorities lauded the Department of Biotechnology for organizing such an enriching and

motivating event, reinforcing the college's commitment to fostering academic excellence and research culture.

This initiative not only broadened the students' perspective on scientific research but also strengthened their resolve to pursue careers in cutting-edge research and higher education.

*International Conference on*

# Bioinformatics, Biodiversity and Medical Sciences 2026

**February 25:** The International Conference on Bioinformatics, Biodiversity and Medical Sciences 2026 was inaugurated on February 25, 2026, at Pachhunga University College. The inaugural ceremony was graced by Prof. H. Lalthanzara, Principal of the college, who declared the conference open and emphasized the importance of interdisciplinary research in addressing contemporary scientific and societal challenges.

The three-day international event is being organized by the Department of Zoology with support from the Department of Biotechnology under its DBT-BUILDER and DBT-Biotech-Hub initiatives, in collaboration with Mizoram University. The conference aims to provide a vibrant platform for researchers, academicians, and scientists to exchange knowledge and share recent advancements in the fields of bioinformatics, biodiversity conservation, and medical sciences.

Renowned scientists and subject experts from leading institutions across India and abroad delivered keynote and invited lectures highlighting cutting-edge research, emerging technologies, and innovative methodologies. The sessions focus on critical themes such as genomic data analysis, sustainable biodiversity management, disease biology, and translational medical research.

More than 50 participants, including researchers, post-doctoral fellows, faculty members, and scientists from Mizoram and various parts of the country as well as overseas institutions, are presenting their scientific papers and research findings. The conference is expected to foster academic collaboration, strengthen research networks, and inspire young scholars to pursue high-quality scientific inquiry.

The event reflects Pachhunga University College's continued commitment to promoting research excellence and advancing scientific dialogue at both national and international levels.



Prof. H. Lalthanzara, Principal, inaugurated the international seminar



A platform for sharing advancements in bioinformatics, biodiversity, and medical sciences.



Over 50 researchers and scientists from Mizoram and across the country participated.

# Principal Receives Fulbright-Nehru International Education Administrators Award



**Prof. H. Lalthanzara**, Principal of the college, has been awarded the Fulbright-Nehru International Education Administrators Award (FNIEA) 2025–26. The prestigious award recognises distinguished academic leaders and provides opportunities to engage with higher education institutions in the United States of America. As part of the programme, Prof. Lalthanzara will undertake an academic tour of higher education institutions across the United States from 11 to 25 April 2026. The visit is aimed at promoting academic collaboration, strengthening institutional partnerships, and enhancing administrative leadership in higher education. The achievement marks a significant milestone for the institution and highlights its growing presence in the international academic community.

# International Conference on Environmental Research



**February 3-4:** A Two-Day International Conference on Recent Advances in Environmental Research, Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Development (ICRAERBCSD 2026) was organized by the Department of Environmental Science in collaboration with the Society for Agro Environmental Sustainability on 3–4 February 2026. The inaugural function was graced by Pu Vanlalhlana, Hon'ble Minister for PWD, Government of Mizoram, as the Chief Guest, and Dr Vanlalhlana, Hon'ble Minister for Higher and Technical Education, as Guest of Honour. The dignitaries highlighted the importance of sustainable environmental practices, biodiversity conservation, and research-driven policy initiatives for long-term development.

# Students from B. Barooah College Visit PUC



**February 9, 2026 :** Students of the 4th Semester M.Sc. (Zoology) from B. Barooah College (Autonomous), Guwahati visited Pachhunga University College on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026 as part of an academic exposure programme. During their visit, the students interacted with faculty members and explored the laboratory facilities and academic departments of the college. The visit provided an opportunity for academic exchange and strengthened institutional collaboration between the two colleges.

# RESEARCH and publication

## PUBLICATION

- **Prof. H. Lalruatsanga**, Department of Botany, and **Dr Zothanpuia**, Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology, **Dr. Prashant Kumar Singh**, Department of Biotechnology have co-authored a research article entitled “*Ethnobotanical validation and phytochemical profiling of *Glinus oppositifolius* (L.) Aug. DC used by indigenous tribes of Mizoram*”, published in Discover Food, indexed in major databases including Scopus, DOAJ, PubMed, Crossref, and ROAD, and published by Springer Nature. The journal has an Impact Factor of 4.65.  
DOI: 10.1007/s44187-026-00810-6
- **Dr C. Vanlalkulhpuia**, Assistant Professor, Department of Management, has co-authored a research article entitled “*Sender and Receiver Perceived Expertise and its Effect on Word-of-Mouth Communication*”, published in Educational Administration: Theory and Practice, a Scopus-indexed journal, published by Auricle Global Society of Education and Research.
- **Prof. Bobby Beingachhi**, Department of Geography, has co-authored a research article entitled “*Unraveling spatio-temporal rainfall variability in the Tlawng watershed, Mizoram under a monsoon regime*”, published in Discover Geoscience, indexed in DOAJ and PubMed, and published by Springer Nature.
- **Dr. Saurav Kumar**, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, has co-authored a research paper titled “*Association between PM<sub>2.5</sub> exposure and child mortality from lower respiratory infections (LRIs) in India: a systematic analysis of the Global Burden of Disease Study (1991–2021)*”, published in Archives of Public Health, a Q1 journal indexed in SCIE, with an Impact Factor of 3.2.
- **Dr. Margaret Zirsangliani Khiangte**, Vice Principal and Associate Professor, Department of Economics has published a research article titled “*Core Government of Mizoram's Flagship Development Programmes: A Critical Analysis of NLUP, SEDP and Hand Holding Policy (Bana Kaih)*” in the International Journal For Multidisciplinary Research, a peer-reviewed, widely indexed international journal (Impact Factor: 9.24).

## MoU signed for research collaboration



A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Department of Geology & Geophysics, Pachhunga University College, and the Directorate of Geology and Mining on 29 January 2026 to foster research collaboration.

## Ph.D. Awarded

**Mr. Lalthlamuana Ralte**, Assistant Professor and head in the Department of Economics, has been awarded a Ph.D by Mizoram University on 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2026. He completed his doctoral research entitled “*Municipal Finances and Service Delivery in Mizoram*,” under the supervision of Prof. Lalhriatpuii, Department of Economics, Mizoram University.



**Ms Lalrokimi**, a research scholar in the Department of Biotechnology, has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by Mizoram University on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2026. She carried out her doctoral research entitled “*Antimicrobial potential of endophytic actinobacteria associated with selected traditional medicinal plants against MDR pathogens*” under the supervision of Dr. Esther Lalnunmawii, Department of Biotechnology, Mizoram University and Dr Zothanpuia, Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology, PUC.



**Mr Bernard Lalroliana**, a research scholar in the Department of Physics, has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by Mizoram University on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2026. He carried out his doctoral research entitled “*An ab initio investigation of copper sylvanites: Bulk and layered nano structure*” under the supervision of Professor Lalhriatzuala and Professor Shivraj Gurung, Department of Physics.



- **Dr. Suman Damera**, Asst. Professor, Department of Public Administration has successfully completed the Faculty Induction Programme (Residential) conducted by the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC), University of Hyderabad, from January Frequently 18 to February 17, 2026.
- **Dr. Bendangchuchang Longchar**, Asst. Professor, Department of Life Sciences delivered an invited lecture at the International Conference on Chemistry in Multidisciplinary Research (ICCMR-2026), organized by the Department of Chemistry, Nagaland University, held from 18–20 February 2026.

# Korean and Japanese language classes started

**February 17 :** The Korean Language Learning Center officially commenced its first session on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026 with a brief inaugural programme marking the beginning of a new academic initiative.

The Principal, Prof. H. Lalthanzara, graced the occasion and addressed the students, encouraging them to pursue their studies with dedication and consistency. He highlighted the growing global relevance of the Korean language and emphasized the importance of acquiring additional language skills in today's competitive world.

The classes are scheduled to be held daily from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., providing students with structured and focused learning sessions. Over the course of three months, the learners will undertake the



Daily Korean classes from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.



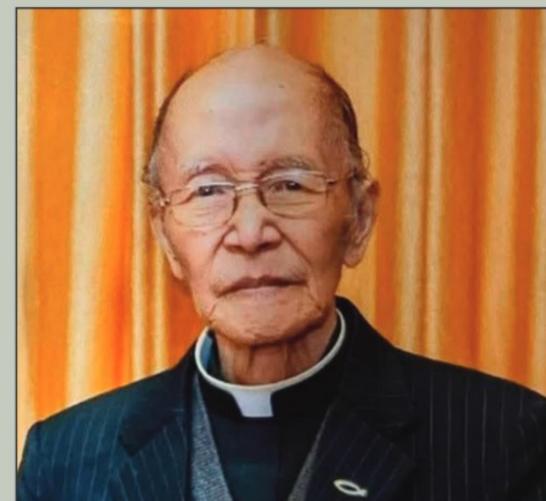
Japanese Language Course inaugurated on 19<sup>th</sup> February

Beginner Level A1 of the Korean language, laying a strong foundation in basic communication skills, vocabulary, grammar, and pronunciation.

The launch of the Korean Language Learning

Center reflects the institution's commitment to expanding academic opportunities and equipping students with valuable linguistic competencies for future academic and professional pursuits.

## PUC Pays Tribute to first batch student



Pachhunga University College solemnly paid its last respects to Rev. Lal Rinmawia, who passed away on 9 February 2026. Rev. Rinmawia was among the first batch of students when the college began as Aijal College in 1958, marking him as a pioneering figure in the institution's history. The college community remembered his contributions and extended prayers for his soul to rest in eternal peace.

## Outstanding Reviewer Award



Dr. Anup Debnath, Asst. Professor, Department of Physics has been recognized with the Outstanding Reviewer Award 2025 by IOP Publishing for his valuable contributions to the international journal 2D Materials. The award acknowledges his exceptional efforts in reviewing scientific manuscripts and helping maintain the quality and integrity of published research. IOP Publishing expressed appreciation for his dedicated service and commitment to advancing scholarly communication. The recognition highlights Dr. Debnath's contribution to the global research community and excellence in academic peer review.

## 200 Units of Blood Donated



**17 February 2026:** The NSS Unit of Pachhunga University College, in collaboration with the Red Ribbon Club and Students' Union, organized a Voluntary Blood Donation Camp on campus. A total of 200 units of blood were collected—156 from male donors and 44 from female donors—and donated to the Civil Hospital Blood Bank. The programme highlighted the students' strong commitment to social service and community welfare.

# PUC Hosts Two-Day Farmers' Training on Sustainable Agriculture

**January 30, 2026:** The Department of Biotechnology, Pachhunga University College, in collaboration with National Service Scheme (NSS) PUC, organized a two-day Farmers' Training Programme on 29–30 January 2026 focusing on sustainable agriculture and organic farming. Farmers from 14 villages across Mizoram participated in the programme.

Principal Prof. H. Lalthanzara delivered the welcome address, while the keynote speech was given by Dr. H. Vanlaldiki, Deputy Director of the Department of Horticulture, Government of Mizoram, who emphasized the importance of soil health and sustainable farming practices. Best Farmer Awardees Pu Lalru-

atkima Khawhai (2024) and Pu Thanliana Chawngtlai (2025) shared their practical experiences in orange, ginger, and passion fruit cultivation.

Dr. Albana L. Chawngthu also conducted a hands-on session on oyster mushroom cultivation. Participants visited the Mizoram Science, Technology & Innovation Council (MISTIC) in Aizawl for exposure to mushroom cultivation, food processing, and innovation in agriculture. Each participant received a battery-operated sprayer, tarpaulin for seedling preparation, and irrigation pipes. Sponsored by ICAR–National Bureau of Agriculturally Important Microorganisms (NBAIM), Mau, the



programme aimed to promote sustainable and innovative agricultural practices in Mizoram.

## PUC Hosts HIV/AIDS and Substance Abuse Awareness



**February 3, 2026:** The Department of Biotechnology, Pachhunga University College, in collaboration with NSS, Pachhunga University College, and Lighthouse (YRG CARE) under Shalom Society, organized an awareness programme titled "HIV/AIDS Awareness, Substance Abuse Prevention, and Available Support Services" on 3rd February 2026 (Tuesday) in the Biotechnology Department Lecture Hall.

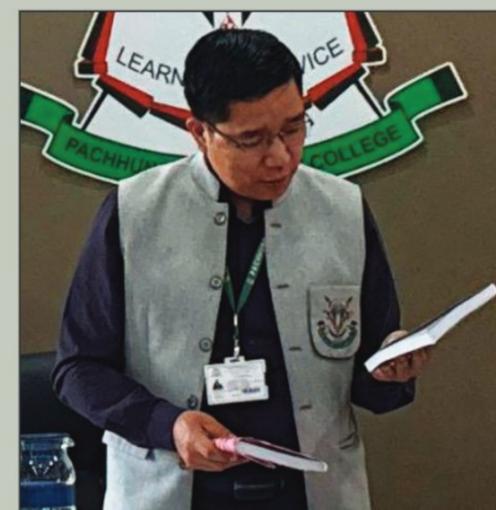
The programme was chaired by Dr. Zothanpuia, HOD of Biotechnology, along with the Programme Officers of NSS. It aimed to educate students about HIV/AIDS, the dangers of substance abuse, and the support serv-

ices available for prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation.

Resource persons from Lighthouse (YRG CARE), Ms. Marina and Mr. Ahmed, delivered detailed sessions on the modes of transmission of HIV, prevention strategies, the importance of early testing and counselling, and mental health awareness. They also highlighted the physical, psychological, and social impacts of substance abuse, emphasizing the need for informed decision-making among youth.

The session was well-received by students and successfully raised awareness, promoting education, prevention, and support for healthier lifestyles.

## Principal Releases 'A Walk Through Khawrihnim'



**February 12, 2026 :** Prof. H. Lalthanzara, the Principal, released the book "A Walk Through Khawrihnim" on 12th February. This book documents the study of Khawrihnim, a village adopted by PUC during 2021 – 2024, and contains 15 research articles. It was published by South Eastern Book Agencies. Copies have been distributed to all teachers and it is also distributed to the libraries of various colleges in Mizoram and Universities.

# STUDENTS' corner

## Study tour to Sikkim



**January 9-18, 2026:** The Department of Biotechnology, Pachhunga University College, organized a study tour to Sikkim from 9-18 January 2026 to provide students with academic exposure in biotechnology and plant sciences. A total of 28 students, accompanied by one faculty member and one laboratory assistant, participated in the tour.

The group visited ICAR-National Research Centre for Orchids (ICAR-NRICO), STP Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd., and MacLeods Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Ranipool, along with key locations including Pakyong, Nathula Pass, Tsomgo Lake, Tsuklakhang Monastery, Ravangla, Temi Tea Garden, and Buddha Park (Tathagata Tsal). The tour combined academic learning with cultural exploration, enriching students' scientific knowledge and understanding of Sikkim's ecological and cultural diversity.

## Field Project Tour to Myanmar



**February 10-14:** The PG II Semester students of Mizo department conducted a field project study tour from 10-14 February 2026 as part of their academic curriculum. During the tour, the students visited Buannel, Rih Dil (Myanmar), Lianchhiari Lunglen Tlang, and Hla Kungpui Mual to gain practical exposure and firsthand knowledge related to their field of study. All students actively participated in the tour. The group was accompanied by Dr. Lalrotluanga, Dr. Lalrammuana Sailo who guided the students throughout the academic visit. The team travelled with one bus and one car. The study tour provided valuable experiential learning opportunities and enriched the students' academic understanding through field-based observation and interaction.

## PUC WINS Cheerleaders & Ambassador Award

**February 14 :** At the Inter-College Volleyball Tournament held from 9-12 February 2026, jointly organized by the Mizoram Volleyball Association and the Mizo Zirlai Pawl (MZP), the cheerleaders and ambassadors of Pachhunga University College won the first prize.

All participating colleges were instructed to



send their cheerleaders and ambassadors. After their various performances were evaluated, the cheerleaders and ambassadors of Pach-

hunga University College were adjudged the best and were presented with the "Cheerleaders & Ambassador Award."



## PUC Alumnus Selected as Indian Army Officer through NCC Entry

Pachhunga University College proudly congratulates its alumnus Lalrinkima, B.Sc. Zoology (2017-2020 batch) and NCC Junior Under Officer, on his selection as an Officer in the Indian Army through the NCC Special Entry Scheme, securing the 21st All India Rank. He successfully cleared the Services Selection Board (SSB) interview and medical examination in December 2025. Lalrinkima is scheduled to commence his pre-commission training at the Officers Training Academy, Chennai in March 2026.