



Two Day National Seminar on Ecocriticism and Environmental Studies: A Mizo Perspective

Organized by
Department of Mizo, Pachhunga University College
(A Constituent College of Mizoram University, A Central University)



In Blended Mode (Both offline and online)
On 5th & 6th June, 2023 | PUC Seminar Hall

Concept Note

Environmental criticism, also known as ecocriticism and “green” criticism (especially in England), is a rapidly emerging field of literary study that considers the relationship that human beings have to the environment. Ecocriticism is the study of literature and environment from an interdisciplinary point of view where all sciences come together to analyze the environment and brainstorm possible solutions for the correction of the contemporary environmental situation.

Ecocriticism investigates the relation between humans and the natural world in literature. It deals with how environmental issues, cultural issues concerning the environment and attitudes towards nature are presented and analyzed. One of the main goals in ecocriticism is to study how individuals in society behave and react in relation to nature and ecological aspects. This form of criticism has gained a lot of attention during recent years due to higher social emphasis on environmental destruction and increased technology. It is hence a fresh way of analyzing and interpreting literary texts, which brings new dimensions to the field of literary and theoretical studies. Ecocriticism is an intentionally broad approach that is known by a number of other designations, including ‘green (cultural) studies’, ‘ecopoetics’, and ‘environmental literary criticism’.

Mizo songs and poems contain many descriptions and ideas of nature. They urge human beings to understand nature in order to gain happiness. The topography, the natural vegetation and the climatic condition of Mizoram provoked the people of Mizoram eagerly and enthusiastically. Mizoram does not have, as it were, high and great hills, but also wide valleys. There are various streams and lush green pastures all over Mizoram. The topography of the land, its temperature, the flora and fauna of the land are important factors that inspire poets and authors. Most of the Mizo poets have a close relationship with natural vegetation, the height of the hill, the topography and the scenery, the wind blowing, the sweet smell of the flowers, the sound of birds and even the sound of insects.

Objectives

1. For the observation of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) World Environment Day on June 5
2. To study the reflections of environment in Mizo Literature.
3. To explore cultural and literary ecology
4. To study sustainable development, environmental arts and environmental history
5. To understand the beauty of nature and environmental crisis

Main Theme

'Ecocriticism and Environmental Studies : A Mizo Perspective'

Sub-Themes

- Treatment of Nature in Mizo Literature
- Environmental Determinism in Mizo Literature
- Nature in Popular Culture
- Nature in Indigenous Literature
- Eco poetry and Eco fiction
- Ecocriticism and Romanticism
- Biocentrism/Ecocentrism
- Environment and Development
- Colonialism and Environment
- Eco-Aesthetics in Mizo Literature
- Narratives of Environmentalists/ Activists
- Feminism and Ecocriticism

About the University

Mizoram University (MZU) was established on 2nd July 2001 by the Mizoram University Act, 2000 which appeared in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary) on 25th April, 2000 as a Central University having His Excellency, the President of India as its Visitor. Visits from eminent dignitaries, scholars and researchers, activists, politician from India and abroad constantly take place in the University. On 21st February 2014, the University for its First Accreditation was awarded grade 'A' by NAAC, Bangalore. Mizoram University ranked 94th in overall ranking and 58th among the universities for the year 2017 by National Institute Ranking Framework (NIRF), Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India.

About the College

Pachhunga University College (PUC) is a constituent college of Mizoram University, a central university established by an Act of Parliament of India. Founded in 1958 as Aijal College, it is the oldest and largest college in Mizoram, by enrolment and campus size. College offers UG courses in 23 subject areas of bachelor degrees in arts, commerce and science. With the opening of master's degree courses in Mizo, philosophy, life sciences, Statistics and Mathematics, it became the first postgraduate college in Mizoram. In 2022, the National Assessment and Accreditation Council classified it as A+ grade with a CGPA of 3.37, the highest score in northeast India. The National Institutional Ranking Framework placed it at 45th among colleges in India. Green Mentors have evaluated the Green Audit Report of Pachhunga University College, along with supportive documentary evidences and accredited the College as Green College in Platinum Ranking. The UGC has granted 'College with Potential for Excellence' Scheme, the scheme awarded to few institutions over the country, which has the potential to reach world class standard.

About the Department

The Department was established only in 1967 as separate faculty. The primary aim of the department is to develop and enrich Mizo literature and language as well as to enhance better appreciation and understanding research. The Department not only look after Mizo Department, but MIL (in Mizo) also since its inception. It started PG Course in 2018 with a capacity of 10 seats. The Department conducted 'Certificate Course in Mizo Cultural Studies and Performing Arts' in collaboration with Art and Culture Department, Govt. of Mizoram since 2017. And also opened Certificate course in Mizo traditional Handicraft in a collaboration with Hnam Chhantu.

How to reach Aizawl

Aizawl can be reached by Air through Kolkata/Guwahati. Direct flights are available from Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Guwahati. Connected flights are also available from Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Lucknow and Hyderabad. The PUC is approximately 35 Km away from Lengpui Airport towards Aizawl city. Pre-paid taxis are easily available from the Airport to reach the college by paying fare of Rs. 1500/-. Silchar is the nearest rail-way station to Aizawl. The journey (by road) from Silchar to Aizawl takes around 6 Hrs. Sumos (share basis) are available from Mizoram Circuit House, Sonai Road, Silchar.

Accommodation

Good low-priced hotels are available in the Aizawl city. For booking of hotels please contact to organising committee. No TA will be paid from organising committee.

Key Dated

- **Submission of Abstracts** : On or before 15th May
- **Decision on acceptance** : On or before 20th May
- **Last date of Registration** : On or before 31st May
- **Submission of Full Papers** : On or before 1st June
- **Seminar Date** : 05th and 06th June, 2023

Registration Fee : @ Rs. 500/- for faculty, and delegates.
@ Rs. 200/- for research scholar and @100 for students
(Registration fee includes Conference Kits, Breakfast, Lunch, and Certificates).

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Guidelines to Author

1. Paper can be written in English or Mizo (Mizo preferable)
2. The manuscript should be in MS Word 2010 format. Manuscript must be 1.5 spaced, with 1 inch margins with "Times New Roman, Font size 12, black".
3. In the first page of the paper please provide Paper Title, full name of the author(s) and full addresses (institute's address along with designation and corresponding address) along with the email address of the author(s).
4. The abstract, followed by relevant keywords, should not be more than 250 words and should adequately describe the work and highlight its significance.
5. The complete manuscript should be in the range of 3000-5000 words.
6. The papers submitted will be reviewed by a group of experts. Original Research work will only be accepted.
7. All correspondence will be done through e-mail only.
8. The authors should follow the MLA ninth edition for referencing.
9. UGC's guidelines on plagiarism will be adhered to.

Call for Papers

Papers relating to above themes are invited from academia, educators and other professionals, NGOs/activists, research scholar and students. Participants are invited to submit abstract or full papers by e-mail. Participants are requested to send abstracts to mizopuc@gmail.com on or before 15th May, 2023. Full papers should be submitted on or before 31st May, 2023. The selected papers will be published in an edited volume by a reputed publisher. Submission of full paper after last date will not be entertained in any manner. Published in an edited volume by a reputed publisher. Submission of full paper after last date will not be entertained in any manner. (*Paper hi Mizo tawnga ziah theih a ni*)

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Mizo Tawngin

Two Day National Seminar on Khuarel leh Thu leh Hla Inkungkaih Dan : Mizo Thlirna Atingin

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A Tlangpui

He Seminar 'Ecocriticism and Environmental Studies : A Mizo Perspective' tih hi Mizo tawng chuan 'Khuarel leh Thu leh Hla Inkungkaih Dan : Mizo Thlirna Atingin' tiin a dah theih awm e. Ecocriticism tih chu 'Ecology' leh 'Criticism' kaihkwap a ni a, Thu leh Hla-a thilsiam (khuarel) lo lang te leh mihring nena an inkungkaih dan tarnnaa chungchang zir chianna a ni ber awm e.

Ecocriticism, Green Studies leh Environment chungchang hi theory tharlam zinga mi a ni a, chutih rual erawh chuan mihring leh khuarel inkungkaih dan hi chu pipute thu leh hla atangin a lo lang daih tawh a. A bikin Mizote pheih chu tlang ram, hmun thengthaw nuam leh boruak nuam taka cheng kan ni a, pangpar mawi tak tak te, ramsa chi hrang hrang leh nungcha chi tinreng awmna nih vangte pawh a ni ang, khuarel hian hla phuatu leh thuziaktute nunah nghawng a nei lian em em a. Mizo thu leh hlate hi heng khuarel tel lo hian a kalh a kim lo tiin a sawi theih ang.

Chutianga Khuarel leh mihring nun inkungkaih dan, Thu leh Hlaa lo langte zir chianna leh zir zauna lam pawh hmuh tur tam tak a awm a. Tun tum seminar-ah hian chungte chu thuk lehzuaw zawka zirchian tum a ni. **Chuvang chuan hetiang lam tuimi, academic lama mithiam, a duh apiang tan paper ziah theih a ni a, seminar pawh hi chhim theih a ni dawn a, a chhim tur leh tel tur pawhin kan insawm a ni. Paper hi Mizo tawnga ziah theih a ni.**

Thupui turte

He seminar 'Khuarel leh Thu leh Hla Inkungkaih Dan : Mizo Thlirna Atingin' Thupui thllan theih dang (sub-topic) te chu hengte hi a ni :

- Mizo Thu leh Hlaa Khuarel Tar lan Dan (*Treatment of Nature in Mizo Literature*)
- Chhehvel Thilin Thu leh Hla a Nghawng Theih Dan (*Environmental Determinism in Mizo Literature*)
- Tunlai Thu leh Hlaa Khuarel an Tar lan dan (*Nature in Popular Culture*)
- Tualchher Thu leh Hla leh Khuarel (*Nature in Indigenous Literature*)
- Khuarel Hla leh Khuarel Thawnthu (*Eco poetry and Eco fiction*)
- Ecocriticism and Romanticism
- Biocentrism/Ecocentrism
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A kaihruaina chu english lama ziak ang hi a ni a.

Hriat chian duh leh zawh fiah duh kan neih chuan a hnuai mite hi zawh theih reng an ni a

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