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Motto : Learning & Service

Principal Concludes U.S. Academic Visit under Fulbright-Nehru Award

April, 2026: Prof. H. Lalthanzara, Principal, successfully completed a two-week academic tour to the United States of America from 11 to 25 April 2026 after being awarded the prestigious Fulbright-Nehru International Education Administrators (FNIEA) Award 2025-2026.

The United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF) selected our Principal as one of the eleven members of the Indian Education Administrators Fulbright group from India. The program was fully co-sponsored by the United States Department of State and the Government of India. The program enabled him to gain first-hand exposure to the U.S. higher education system and observe various institutional practices and global education programs. During the visit, he explored key aspects of American higher education, including types of institutions, accreditation systems, curriculum development, fundraising mechanisms, student services, and international education initiatives on U.S. university campuses. The program also provided a platform to share insights on Indian higher education.

Prof. Lalthanzara actively engaged with several leading institutions during the academic visits, including the University of Notre Dame, Purdue University, Temple University, the University of Pennsylvania, Drexel University, the University of Delaware, Johns Hopkins University, and American University, along with key federal agencies in Washington, D.C.



Discussions and institutional visits focused on research collaborations, faculty and student exchange programs, study abroad opportunities, and strategies for strengthening the international dimensions of higher education institutions.

Prof. Lalthanzara returned with practical insights into the U.S. education system and a renewed commitment to advancing the internationalization of higher education. We believed that the prestigious Fulbright award conferred upon our principal, together with the outcomes of his visits to US universities and his interactions with faculty members and competent authorities, would significantly strengthen the college's internationalization initiatives.

The Fulbright-Nehru International Education Administrators Award is designed for Indian college and university administrators with at least two



years of experience in international program development and management. The award targets middle- to senior-level administrators such as vice-chancellors, deans, directors of international centers or offices, foreign student advisors, and registrars, who are responsible for strengthening international collaborations, faculty and student mobility, and innovative curricular development at their institutions.

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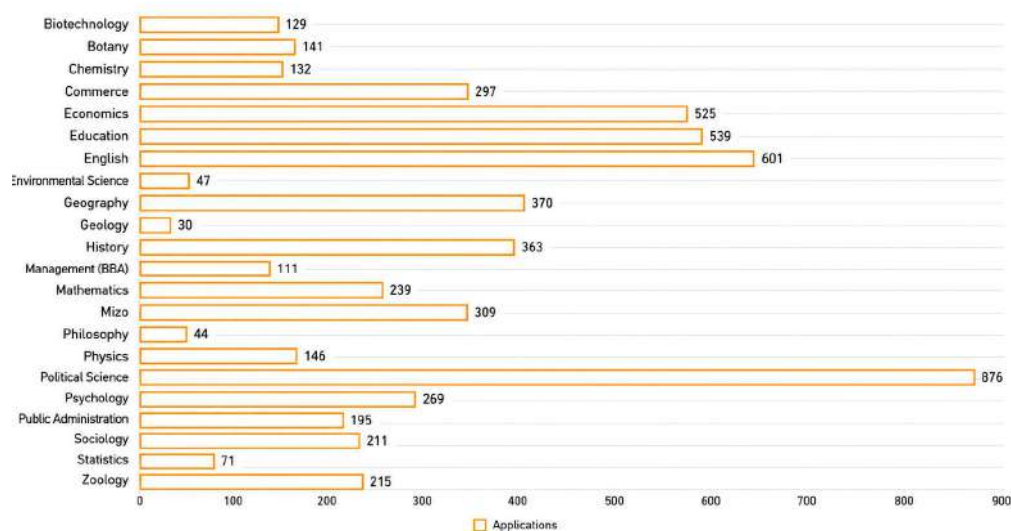
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Editorial

April marks the end of the academic session as students prepare to sit for their end-semester examinations which will start from 11th May, 2026, till the 16th of June, 2026. The moment is especially bittersweet for the final semester students as they prepare to embark upon the next stage of their journey, the future uncertain for many, perhaps, while they bid farewell to the college, and the friends and the memories that they have made within. April is also the month for fresh admissions, with the process kicking off with online registrations, and applications for Pachhunga University College Entrance Test (PUCET) from 18th March to 15th April, 2026. The figure below is a record of the number of applicants for each department as of 20th April, 2026:



The PUCET 2026 for Arts, BBA and Commerce was held on 29-30th April, 2026 with more than 3000 aspirants. The college is indeed fortunate to receive this landmark number of applicants, many of whom are subject toppers, and those securing Distinction with letter marks. In fact, by the grace of the Almighty, this has been the case for many years. And yet, we must ask ourselves, are we doing the best with the quality of students that we receive?

In Hard Times, Charles Dickens gave us the character of Thomas Gradgrind, a teacher obsessed with the idea that suppressing emotions and passions for hard, cold fact will result in the greatest happiness to the greatest number of people. Gradgrind dehumanized his pupils as empty 'pitchers' to be filled with facts and knowledge. But human beings are human after all, and Gradgrind had to learn the hard way that facts alone cannot sustain young minds, and that applying a 'one size fits all' approach relegates students into mere statistics. Perhaps we may learn from his example, and thus, make sure that along with our goodbyes, we impart our graduating students with the courage to dream and to explore, and when the time comes to meet our newest students, we welcome them

with open minds. Perhaps, during the time they are with us, they may realize their fullest potential, and discover their hidden talents.

Finally, we congratulate our Principal, Prof. H. Lalthanzara on being selected for the prestigious Fulbright- Nehru International Education Administrators Award (2025-26); under the fully funded fellowship offered by the United States - India Educational Foundation, the Principal and other senior academic leaders engaged with institutions across the United States, such as the University of Notre Dame, Purdue University, Temple University, the University of Pennsylvania, among others, from 11th- 25th April, 2026. The College is proud of his achievement and his unceasing effort towards the betterment of the college and its students.

Let us then emulate the example set forth by our respected Principal, and remember that ours is an institution built on the dream of providing a brighter, better future to young students.

— Dr. Vanlalveni Pachuau

PUC Signs DPR Agreement for Landslide Mitigation



Aizawl, May 2026: In a significant move toward strengthening disaster risk reduction and landslide mitigation efforts in Mizoram, a Contract Agreement was formally executed on 16 April 2026 between the Directorate of Disaster Management & Rehabilitation (DM & R), Government of Mizoram, and a team of technical experts from the Department of Geology, Pachhunga University College (PUC).

The agreement pertains to the preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) under Phase-I of the Mizoram Landslide Risk Mitigation Programme (NLRMP). The initiative aims to address the growing threat posed by landslides in vulnerable regions of the state through scientific assessment and engineering interventions.

Dr. Margaret Z. Khiangte, Vice Principal of Pachhunga University College, signed the agreement on behalf of the institution, while the Government of Mizoram was represented by Udit

Prakash Rai, Commissioner & Secretary of the Department of Disaster Management & Rehabilitation.

Under the agreement, the PUC team will provide expert technical advisory services and prepare comprehensive DPRs for selected high-risk landslide zones. The reports will include detailed geological and engineering analyses, mitigation strategies, structural designs, and implementation cost estimates aimed at reducing landslide vulnerability and ensuring public safety.

The total remuneration for the consultancy services has been fixed at a lump sum amount of Rs. 45 lakh. Officials stated that the allocation remains within the prescribed administrative cost ceiling, staying below one percent of the total project cost, thereby ensuring compliance with financial and regulatory norms. The collaboration is being viewed as an important step in integrating academic expertise with government-led disaster management

The assignment covers four identified landslide-prone locations across Mizoram:

- Ngaizel in Aizawl
- New Colony I & III in Siaha
- Tuikhuah Veng in Serchhip
- Kanan Veng in Champhai

These sites have been prioritized based on their vulnerability, exposure to landslide risks, and the urgency for mitigation measures.

initiatives. By engaging specialists from Pachhunga University College, the state aims to ensure that the DPRs are prepared according to high technical standards, contributing to safer infrastructure development and enhanced resilience in landslide-prone areas of Mizoram.

PUC Botany Marks International Plant Day



April 13: The Department of Botany, Pachhunga University College, observed the International Plant Appreciation Day-2026 on the 13th of April (Monday), 2026 to celebrate the vital roles of plants in our environment and ecosystem. The observation was focused to encourage the people, particularly the students, to nurture the forest greenery and inspire the importance of maintaining plant diversity. In addition, this April event highlighted the benefits of plants for better air quality, well-being and biodiversity, serving as an ideal time for gardening, repotting, or gifting houseplants.

The event was attended by around 100 participants including the second and sixth semester undergraduate students, Ph. D. scholars, teaching and non-teaching staff of the department. As part of the observation, the program started at 9:30 AM in the departmental room which was chaired by Prof. Vanlalhruii Ralte, HoD, Botany Department. Prof. Ralte also gave a short talk on the importance of the event, and pointed out the 5 reasons why plants must be recognized and appreciated. She also cited several examples of plants from which we can derive inspiration for our survival and wellbeing. After the plenary program, the participants took a

The pledge taken:

“In the spirit of the great botanists like Carolus Linneaus, Gregor Mendel and George Bentham, I pledge to respect, protect and appreciate all plant life, I promise to care for plants by nurturing them, avoiding unnecessary harm and promoting greenery in my surroundings. I will actively participate in planting trees, conserving forests and protecting biodiversity. I will spread awareness about the importance of plants and encourage others to value and protect nature. I commit myself to making environmentally responsible choices in my daily life. Together, we will work towards a greener, healthier and more sustainable Earth.”

Nature Walk in the rich and dense forest area of the college campus. The faculty, research scholars and the students enthusiastically engaged in identifying the different species of herbs, shrubs and trees growing luxuriantly in the forest area. The activity became more engaging as the special properties and values of each individual species such as for medicinal, food, timber, ornamental, and ecological uses were realized. The enthusiastic activity instilled a growing appreciation of the plants amongst the participants, thus underscoring the successful celebration of the event. The event culminated with the pledge taking led by Prof. Ralte.



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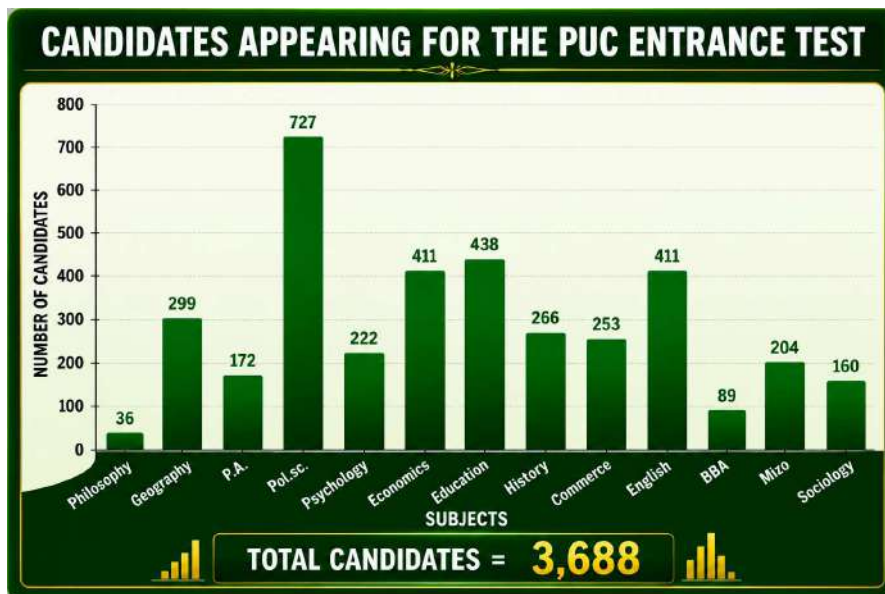
Students

Appear for PUC

Entrance Test

May 1: Pachhunga University College conducted the Pachhunga University College Entrance Test (PUCET) on April 30 and May 1, 2026, for admission into various undergraduate programmes. A total of 3,688 students appeared for the examination.

The college conducts PUCET every year for admissions into Arts, Commerce, and Management streams. Selection of candidates is based on a combined score comprising 70% from PUCET marks and 30% from Class 12 marks. Students securing the highest combined scores are selected for admission.



For the Science stream, admissions are granted purely on a merit basis using Class 12 examination results, without conducting PUCET.

Apart from PUCET, the college also participates in the Central University Entrance Test (CUET) system as it functions under a Central University. Since CUET results are usually declared later, certain seats are reserved for CUET applicants.

The college also provides Sponsored Seats for eligible students. Under this scheme, each department may offer two sponsored seats. Applicants seeking admission under the sponsored category must secure at least 65% marks in the HSSLC examination. The fee structure for sponsored seats is higher than the regular admission fee, with BBA students required to pay 3.5 times the normal fee, while students of other courses will pay 4.5 times the regular fee.



April 8 : The Principal of Pachhunga University College (PUC) on April 8, 2026, interacted with newly appointed Assistant Professors who are alumni of the college under the Higher & Technical Education Department, Government of Mizoram. A total of 11 PUC alumni were selected by the Mizoram Public Service Commission for Assistant Professor posts in various departments. The Principal, faculty members, and staff of PUC extended their congratulations and wished them success in their future endeavours.

Principal

Interacts

with Newly

Appointed

Assistant

Professors:

RESEARCH and publication

PUBLICATION

- **Dr Garima Singh**, Assistant Professor in the Department of Biotechnology, co-authored a research article published in the reputed journal *Vegetos*, published by Springer Nature. The article, entitled “Phytochemical profiling and bioactive assessment of *Crassocephalum crepidiodes* using GC-MS and LC-MS analysis,” appears in a Scopus-indexed journal with a CiteScore of approximately 1.32 and is also listed in the UGC-CARE database.
- **Dr Anup Deb**, Assistant Professor in the Department of Physics, co-authored a research article entitled “V₂CT_x/PPy nanotube hybrid architecture as cathode material toward superior energy storage in aqueous asymmetric supercapacitors,” published in the reputed journal *Chemical Engineering Journal* by Elsevier. The journal, indexed in Web of Science Core Collection and Scopus, has an impact factor of 13.2.
- **Dr Samba Siva Rao Pasupuleti**, Assistant Professor in the Department of Statistics, and his scholar Christopher Lalromawia developed a model for human mortality and published their work in the reputed journal *Scientific Reports* under the title “An interpretable piecewise model for human mortality: the Christopher–Samba model.” The journal is published by Springer Nature, has an impact factor of approximately 4.6, and is indexed in Web of Science and Scopus.
- **Prof. Rinpari Ralte**, Head of the Department of Psychology, co-authored a research article titled “Predicting Job Satisfaction: The Power of Self-Efficacy Across Different Teacher Demographics.” The article was published in the *International Journal of Social Science and Human Research*, a peer-reviewed journal that claims an impact factor of 8.361.

- Faculty members of the **Department of Psychology**, namely Prof. Rinpari Ralte and Dr. Saichampuii Sailo (Associate Professor), along with Dr. Lalthantluangi Sailo and Dr. Lalropuii (Assistant Professors), Mr. Johny Lalthafamkima (Guest Faculty), and George Zochhuanawma (student), jointly authored a research article entitled “Social Participation, Religious Commitment, Locus of Control and Quality of Life: A Generational Study among the Mizo.” The article was published in the peer-reviewed journal *International Journal of Recent Development in Engineering and Technology*

Earth Day Observed :



The Department of Environmental Science, Pachhunga University College (PUC), celebrated Earth Day on April 22, 2026, at the Earth Science Block with a pledge-reading programme. Faculty members and students participated in the event, reaffirming their commitment to environmental protection and sustainable living.

Library Receives 100 Donated Books:



On the occasion of the birthday of Anant Ambani, the Central Library of Pachhunga University College received a donation of 100 books from The Book Cafe and Reliance Industries. As part of the celebration, students received free books through lucky draws, and a poetry competition on the theme “Shri Anant Ambani Birthday” was also organized. The college expressed heartfelt gratitude to The Book Cafe, Reliance Foundation, and Formosa Foundation India for their generous support and contribution.

Students Exchange Programme:



As per the Memorandum of Understanding signed, the annual Students Exchange Programme of the VI Semester students between the Department of Public Administration, PUC and the Department of Public Administration, Govt. T. Romana College was held on 08.04.2026 (Wednesday). Students from Pachhunga University College attended classes at Government T. Romana College and vice versa.

STUDENTS' corner



A Crown of Pride for PUC

April 25: A former student and a current student of Pachhunga University College achieved notable success at the Miss Mizoram 2026 contest. C. Lalthlamuanpuii, an alumna from the 2025 batch of the Department of History, won the coveted Miss Mizoram 2026 title, while Saitluangpuii from the Department of Zoology secured the First

Runner-Up position in the competition.

The remarkable achievement brought pride and recognition to the institution and highlighted the talent, confidence, and excellence of its students and alumni. The college fraternity extended heartfelt congratulations to both participants and wished them continued success in their future endeavors.

PUC Alumni Bring Laurels with State Service Selection



April 23-24: Two alumni of Pachhunga University College have been selected for the Mizoram Planning, Economic & Statistical Service. The selected candidates are Dr. K. Vanlalhruaitluanga of the Department of Economics and Remruatfela of the Department of Statistics. Dr. Vanlalhruaitluanga belonged to the 2010–2013 batch and also served as Guest Faculty in the Department of Economics, while Remruatfela, from the 2011–2013 batch, previously served as Guest Faculty in the Department of Statistics during 2017–2018.



PUC Proud as Alumnus Joins School Education Department

April 23-24: PUC has extended congratulations to its alumnus, Thawmsanglian of the 2016 batch, Department of Sociology, on his selection as Circle Education Officer under the School Education Department, Government of Mizoram. The recruitment was conducted by the Mizoram Public Service Commission through a written competitive examination followed by a personal interview. Thawmsanglian had earlier distinguished himself academically by securing the MZU Gold Medal in Arts in 2016.

2nd Position in Debate Competition

April 23-24: Vanlalkhawn-gaih dawngzeli (II Semester, Zoology) and H. Rosangpuia (II Semester, Geography) of the college secured 2nd Position at the D-3 Inter-College Debate Competition held from 23–24 April 2026 at the Vaivakawn Cultural Centre cum Auditorium. The team received a cash prize of Rs. 20,000 along with certificates and a trophy.



The competition was organized by the Mizo Zirlai

Pawl in collaboration with the Mizo Official Channel and witnessed participation from various colleges across the state. The achievement

brought recognition to the institution and highlighted the students' debating skills, confidence, and critical thinking abilities.

Young Voices from PUC Shine at National Budget Quest Finale

April 14: Students of Pachhunga University College represented Mizoram at the Final Round of the Viksit Bharat Budget Quest 2026 held from 12–13 April 2026 in Shillong. The two-day event witnessed participation from representatives of the seven sister states and one brother state of North-east India.

The students who attended the event were Felix NT Lala (6th Semester, Economics), Abhishek Garg (6th Semester, Biotechnology), Lalremruati (4th Semester,



Mizo), Lalnuzami (4th Semester, History), Deborah R. Lalhmingmawii (2nd Semester, Economics), and Zomuanpuii (2nd Semester, Political Science).

On the first day, a Women Youth Parliament programme titled Nari Shakti Viksit Bharat Ki Aawaz was organized as a mock parliamentary session. During the event, Zomuanpuii spoke as the Union Minister of Home Affairs, Lalnuzami represented the Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, while Deborah R. Lalhmingmawii

spoke as the Union Minister of Defence in support of the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam.

The second day featured a panel discussion and a virtual interaction with Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports and Minister of Labour and Employment. The participation of the students brought pride to both the institution and the state, reflecting the talent, leadership, and academic excellence of the youth of Mizoram.



2ND POSITION IN

Mizoram Grand Challenge 2026

April 28: Lalengkimi, Mesak Lalrinnunga, VL Thantluanga, and Vanlaldusaki secured 2nd Position along with a cash prize of Rs. 70,000 at the Mizoram Grand Challenge 2026. The event, which focused on sustainable development and key state challenges, was held on 28 April 2026 and organized by the Mizoram Science, Technology & Innovation Council under the Planning & Programme Implementation Department, Government of Mizoram. The achievement highlights the students' innovative ideas and their contribution toward addressing important developmental challenges in the state.

PUC Actors Win Awards



April 5: Two drama teams from Pachhunga University College won First and Third Prizes at the Inter-College Drama Acting Competition organized by the Mizo Drama Society in collaboration with the Mizoram Legal Services Authority on 31 March 2026 at the Youth Recreation Centre. Isak Lalropekhluu (2nd Semester, Geology) and Lalthantluangi (2nd Semester, History) also won the Best Actor and Best Actress awards respectively.