

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH: PACHHUNGA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
“Meet the Author” with Zirsangkima:



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The Department utilised the CCA Period on 4th October, 2019 to organise “Meet the Author” Session with Mizo author Zirsangkima, author of the successful novel “Ramada-19”. The Session was chaired by Dr. Henry Lalmawizuala, and Zirsangkima spoke with the students on diverse topics such as the language of prose, and the need for writers to evolve and adapt to the changing world around them. He also gifted the Department a copy each of his book “Ramada-19” and the unreleased novel “2”- which could not be released yet due to pending legal reasons. The students had a lively interaction with the author, and it was a fruitful and enjoyable session for all.

A topic of lively discussion generated by the author was on the language of Mizo literature, and the difficulty of breaking away from traditional modes of Mizo writing. Mizo literature had long adhered to a certain style of writing, and Zirsangkima’s usage of more modern language in his writing had often, by his account, led to conflict with his peers. This generated a further discussion on the relevance of popular culture and popular modes of expression. The session, attended by 78 students, ended with Book- Signings by the author.

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