

Report on the National Seminar on Social Change and Development: Issues and Dynamics

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Organised by Research, Innovations and Extension Cell, IQAC

Venue: Government Aizawl College, Sikulpuikawn

The National Seminar on Social Change and Development: Issues and Dynamics was organised by the Research, Innovations and Extension Cell, IQAC, Government Aizawl College on 11th and 12th February, 2021. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the seminar was conducted using ICT tools in which the college ZOOM account was utilised for the seminar.

Social change and development have been a much talked about topic and centre of debates in our daily lives. Over a few decades, scholars across have conducted theoretical and empirical studies on different social change and development, bringing into academic limelight a study of different cultures and societies, specially the marginalised groups. With globalisation and industrialisation, a new defined and pattern of behaviour is incorporated, determining social mobility and extending horizons for multiple researches. Such claims have pushed forward how social change and development are articulated in the study of culture and society. The concept behind this seminar is to understand the diverse set of perspectives put out by young researchers. Therefore, the seminar main objective was to achieve knowledge production and insightful discussion on research papers, focusing to bring together diverse but relevant research topics, connecting between ideas and attempt to provide certain issues and challenges in the society.

The seminar also focused to provide a platform where young researchers from different areas come together and engage in academic discussions and debates over their work. Focusing on the objectives and aims to achieve, the organising committee invited renown experts from different disciplines as the keynote speaker and moderators.

The seminar was exclusively organised for researchers, therefore only 17 papers were accepted from different institutions across India to have a more substantial and productive academic discussions and interactions. On 11th February, the inaugural programme was held at 10:30 AM. The cell's Chairman Prof. Vanlalringa Bawitlung chaired the programme, and the college Principal, Prof. C. Sangluaii graced us with a welcome address. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Hoineilhing Sithlou, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad on *North East India in Transition: Research Prospects and Methodological Challenges*. Dr. Sithlou raised the challenges of conducting research and the gap between research studies of North East India states and other states of India in terms of methodology and theoretical debate. She highlighted the importance of manifesting sociological imagination, interpretation of book-view to field-view, identifying theoretical orientation and thinking out of the box in research study. Dr. Sithlou questioned the importance of creativity and originality in research study.

The afternoon programme had technical session I, which was moderated by Dr. James L.T. Thanga, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Mizoram University. On 12th February, technical session II was moderated by Dr. Rohmingmawii, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Pachhunga University College. Technical session III was moderated by Dr. B. Lalarliana, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Mizoram University.

Paper presenters were assigned to three different technical sessions. The seminar witnessed new ideas and perspectives raised by the participants, incorporating new insights academically. The organising committee is grateful to all the paper presenters for their contributions and making the seminar successful. The organising committee also thank the college Principal, Prof. C. Sangluaii who facilitate the team with her endless support and assistance for the success of the seminar.