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From the Desk of Chief Editor

This December we are ready with the Mizoram University Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences Vol. VIII No 2. The journal started its journey in the year 2015, and since then it is published bi-annually (June and December every year). I am privileged to place before the academic world the December 2022 issue. All the articles published so far in the 16 issues of the journal are available for free download on its website (<http://mzuhssjournal.in/>).

The editorial board of the journal has selected twenty (20) research-based articles including one Lead Article for the current issue. The Lead Article for the present issue of the Journal is contributed by Prof. Srinibas Pathi (Senior Professor Dept of Public Administration, Mizoram University) and Shri Aroon P. Manoharan (Director, National Centre for Public Performance, Suffolk University, Boston, USA). The article is a thoughtful voyage from the 'New World Economic Order' to the 'New World Knowledge Order'.

Lalmalsawma Khiangte, Dr. Lalsangzuala Khiangte and Prof. J. K. Patnaik in a study made an attempt to analyse the ethnic Identity of one of the major indigenous tribes of Mizoram, viz., Hmar. There are many studies of Hmar history and culture as well as political movements for autonomy, but a study of the Hmar identity specific to Mizoram context is rather limited. *Arthashastra* is the magnum opus of India's one of the greatest thinkers, Kautilya. He proposed a philosophy of governance that fundamentally aims at prosperity of the people to be achieved through good governance, able and stable leadership.

Dr. Ajeet Singh Choudhary made an attempt to look through his writings to presents a snapshot of some of his views on good governance. The concept of micro-planning has emerged to maintain a balance in "planning and development" between national priorities and local needs and a decentralized planning approach to the overall development of a country. Bobby Beingachhi & David Zothansanga made an attempted to study micro-level planning in Siaha District for the overall development in general and sustainable and inclusive development of Siaha district.

Assamese women, as in other parts of India, participated in independence movement in large number, but, their visibility in the institutions of post-independence period is somewhat

limited. Keeping this at the backdrop, Sujata Buragohain in her study discusses gender gap in the decision-making bodies and key public institutions of Assam. Indo-Pacific region has gained interest, and has entered the policy discourse among global powers. A study by Lalhming Sangi and Dr. J. C. Zomuanthanga aims to highlight India's engagement in the Indo-Pacific region vis-à-vis its cooperation with ASEAN.

Kashmir acquired a reputation as a pleasure garden during the reign of Mughals and was visited and celebrated by Mughal emperors. Syed Wiqar Hussain in a study examines the Persian poetry composed about Kashmir during the Mughal era. Anirban Ray in his paper explored the themes of masculinity and male affection in Ganguly's Hangsharaj and discusses these with references to the Vaishnava/ "Baul" views on gender. Dr. Rebecca Angom took a look on a very popular mode of entertainment for all sections of the Manipuri society, viz. Shumang Lila (Courtyard play). It is believed to have originated from the ancestral worship ritual known as Lai Haraoba or pleasing the gods. This art form has broken the domination of being accessible only to the upper caste, the elite of the society. The study deals with the origin, growth, development and reflection of society with some of its core problems.

Panchanan Barma (born on February 13, 1866) was one of the leading intellectuals of Colonial North Bengal. He was born at Cooch Behar Princely State in a Rajbanshi Jotedar family, but the main center of his literary and social activities was Rangpur. Dr. Fulchan Barman took a look on his life and his socio-political activities due to which he could not devote required time for his literary work. In many developing nations, workers find it difficult to sustain themselves and their family despite the adjustment and re-adjustment of the minimum wage. Dr. Adams Lukman Jimoh in a study conducted in Nigeria, examined the effect of socio-demographic factors such as: age, sex, level of education and placements in an organization on wage determination; and found these factors having significant impact.

The public's health is accepted to be seriously threatened by chronic illness. Although it is one of the biggest issues facing the community and poses substantial dangers to death, disability, and quality of life, low-income employees, have limited understanding of the issue. With a study Gautam Makwana and Dr. H Elizabeth tried to better understand how this vulnerable group manages chronic illnesses. Surya Narayan Biswal, Santosh Kumar Mishra and Minaketan Sarangi in a study examined the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on multidimensional poverty at the household level in rural Odisha by using Alkire-Foster approach (2011) to construct the Multidimensional Poverty Index. Dr. K. Mallikarjuna Rao empirically studied the volatility in the NSE Nifty spot and futures market in India prior to and during the Covid-19 pandemic period. The GARCH family models were employed in the research and concluded that the volatility increased disproportionately with negative shocks in spot and futures markets.

In a study Tunde-Ojo Olufikayo N. & Aliyu Mustapha O. examined corporate social responsibility (CSR) as a possible employment relations strategy that could improve the understanding and harmony between selected oil companies and their various stakeholders. The study, based on primary data, concluded that if oil companies continue to intensify efforts in using CSR programmes as a focus strategy, it will be able to improve and know more about the various ways these strategies can positively affect stakeholder engagement.

Railway is one of the most traditional inland modes of transportation used globally. From the inception it became more comfortable, safe and speedy means of transportation. Md. Rakibul Islam conducted a study which shows that Bangladesh railways off-line ticketing services provided is affected with mismanagement and corruption. On the other hand, e-ticketing service failed to change the quality-of-service delivery due to complex procedural nature.

Climate change is reality and no country or community is immune to it. The poor are the worst hit. Chayanika Borah in a study focuses on understanding the concept of climate justice and realizing its relevance in the present context. The parent-child relationship plays a vital role in the development of the personality of a child.

The parent-child relationship depends on the stability of the union of parents in marriage, the age of the parents, experiences in life, self-confidence, and the unique characteristics of the child compared with those parents. Lalrintluangi and Prof. C. Devendiran in a study tried to investigate into the relationship of parent- teenage child in the city of Aizawl.

The term gender has become indispensable and become a part of everyday life. To ponder upon the issues of gender is essential if a society wants to progress and no society can develop until and unless it is gender-sensitized. In the light of this, Lakshmi Elangbam attempted to study various aspects of Gender. Like any other society, most of the tribal societies are also patriarchal and women are treated as second-class citizens, discriminated against, unjustly and oppressed. The Mizo tribal society of Mizoram province in the Northeast India is no exception to this. Lalchhuanawma and Prof. Sanjay Kumar explored the ancient Mizo folk tales to testify this.

On behalf of the editorial board, I would like to place on record heartfelt thanks to Prof. Srinibas Pathi and Shri Aroon P. Manoharan for authoring the Lead Article for the present issue of the journal. The editorial board would like to say big thanks to each of the contributors of the articles selected for the journal, as the issue was not possible without their valuable contribution. Further, we would like to appreciate each of the reviewers who dedicated their valuable time in reviewing the articles. On behalf of the Board, I would like to extend thanks to Dr. Akhandanand Shukla (Head, Department of Library and Information Sciences, Central University of Tamil Nadu), the website consultant, for maintaining the website of the journal. At last, but not the least, I would like to place on record my gratitude to the members of the

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