

Report on Five-Day National Lecture Series on Research Methodology

A Five-Day National Lecture Series on Research Methodology with the theme “From Inquiry to Evidence” was organised by the Department of History in hybrid mode from 24–28 August 2026. The main objective of the Lecture Series was to familiarise students with the fundamental principles, practices, approaches, and concepts of research methodology. The offline sessions were conducted in the Department’s Major Room (Room No. 501).

Day One 24 August 2026

The first day of the Lecture Series was held at 12:00 PM. The Resource Person, Joseph Lalzarliana, Assistant Professor, Department of History & Ethnography, Mizoram University, delivered a lecture on “*What is Social Research?*” which focused on the meaning, scope and significance of social research. The presentation was followed by an interactive Questions & Answer session.



Day Two 25 August 2026

The second day of the Lecture Series was held at 12:00 PM. Ms. Lalmuanpuii, Ph.D. Scholar, Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi delivered a lecture on the topic, “*Beyond Archives: Oral History, Ethnography and Fieldwork in the Study of Mizoram.*” She highlighted the importance of oral traditions, ethnography and fieldwork in documenting local experiences and cultural practices, followed by a Questions & Answer session.



Day Three 26 August 2026

The lecture was conducted online through Zoom at 8:00 PM. Dr. Roluahpuia, Associate Professor, Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, IIT Roorkee, delivered an informative lecture on “*Exploring Tribal-Indigenous Research Methodology: A Mizo Perspective,*” focusing on indigenous approaches and methodologies in studying Mizo history. An interactive Questions & Answer session followed the presentation.



Day Four 27 August 2026

The session commenced at 2:50 PM. Ms. Lalrambeiseii, Research Scholar, Department of History & Ethnography, Mizoram University, delivered a lecture on “*Ethnoarchaeology as a research method in exploring the Mizo past.*” She discussed the research method in exploring the Mizo past.

emphasized the relevance of ethnoarchaeology in reconstructing Mizo history, settlement, technology and cultural continuity. The presentation was followed by a Questions & Answer session.



Day Five 28 August 2026

The last day of the Lecture Series commenced at 2:00 PM wherein the resource person, Dr. Lalrinnunga Hmar, Associate Professor, Department of History & Ethnography, Mizoram University delivered an informative lecture on the topic, “*Qualitative Research Methodology for Reconstructing Mizo History.*” The lecture focused on the importance of comparing oral sources with colonial and missionary records, archaeological and linguistic evidences and census data. It was followed by a Questions-and-Answer session.



The Five Day Lecture Series was informative and enriching and successfully fulfilled its objectives. It particularly benefited students by enhancing their understanding of research methods and equipping them to undertake academic projects and field-based activities in a more systematic, analytical and evidence-based manner.