**NEW BUILUM SURVEY**

**Department of Economics**

**Aizawl, 30th May:** An economic survey was conducted by the faculties and core students of Department of Economics, Government Aizawl West College on 20.5.2022 (Friday) in New Builum village in Kolasib district of Mizoram. The primary aim of the survey was to collect data and make a detailed comparative report on the socio-economic status and general living conditions of the people living in the village.

New Builum village is an interesting place because the people were relocated in 2008 from their old village (Builum) following the construction of a hydropower dam called Serlui B project. The survey was conducted in order to make a comparative analytical report on the effects the hydropower dam construction had on the lives of the people whose lands or house, or both, was submerged along with their place of employment. Faculties and students divided into groups went from household to household with questionnaire collecting first-hand information from multiple respondents. Interviews were also conducted wherever appropriate.

The survey concluded on a lighter note with faculties and students exploring different destinations on the way back. A good cooperation between faculties and students ensured that the survey was finished on time and as per schedule even though the survey was extensive. Although the survey was only a one-day affair, the Department felt that it was an important stepping stone for any research endeavors to be undertaken henceforth .