



Mizoram's transition from **insurgency to peace, democracy and development** is chronicled through the political life of its longest-serving Chief Minister, **Lal Thanhawla (Pu Hawla)**, in journalist Sanjoy Hazarika's new book *Lal Thanhawla: The Boy from Zarkawt, and the Making of Mizoram*. Published by **Westland**, the book connects his political journey with Mizoram's wider transformation.

Hazarika traces the State's turbulent years of insurgency, the shadow of the **Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act**, the peace process and subsequent development efforts. Thus, Lal Thanhawla's career becomes a lens to understand Mizoram's political evolution and post-conflict consolidation.

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