

Thingkho Le Malcha

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UNIFIED RESISTANCE AGAINST OPPRESSION





KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 01.04.2024



170
DEATHS



200+
VILLAGES BURNT



7000+
HOUSES BURNT



360+
CHURCHES &
SYNAGOGUES BURNT



41,425+
DISPLACED
PERSONS

Thingkho Le Malcha (charred wood tied with chilli): A war symbol; a pre-arranged secret code agreed upon by the Kukis to inform the people about the commencement of war and on receiving this, one has to remain alert and be ready for the battle.

INTERFAITH FORUM FOR PEACE AND HARMONY APPEALS FOR PEACEFUL CONDUCT OF ELECTORAL PROCESS

As a collective effort to promote peace and harmony in the strife-torn state of Manipur, the Interfaith Forum for Peace and Harmony (IFPH) has appealed to all stakeholders to maintain free and fair electoral process in the ensuing 18th Lok Sabha elections.

Representing various groups of religious leaders, the Interfaith Forum underscored the importance of creating an environment conducive to democratic participation and responsible decision-making during the Lok Sabha elections in Manipur.

The religious leaders, comprising of Hindu, Christian, Islam, Buddhist, Jain and Tingkao Ragwang communities made a heartfelt appeal for peaceful conduct of elections to various entities including the state government, the Election Commission, security forces, responsible citizens, candidates and their political parties.

Expressing their shared aspiration for a peaceful and prosperous Manipur, the religious leaders emphasized the significance of choosing capable and dedicated representatives who can address the current challenges facing the state, including the prolonged communal violence, the plight of thousands of displaced individuals- women, children, elderly and youth who are presently residing in various relief camps.

Acknowledging the extraordinary circumstances in which the election is taking place, amidst the ongoing ethnic conflict and violence, the Forum stressed on the importance of electing leaders committed to ending violence and fostering peace at both the governmental and grassroots levels.

The religious leaders also urged all stakeholders to refrain from engaging in practices that undermine



the democratic process and voters' rights to make well-informed decisions, thereby calling an end to any form of violence and encourage healthy dialogues and debates to educate the electorate.

Further, the religious leaders emphasized the need to reject inducements such as monetary bribes and feasts in exchange for votes. They also urged the candidates to demonstrate their ability to address Manipur's challenges rather than resorting to vote-buying tactics.

The Forum, while advocating for the sanctity of the electoral process by discouraging the use of religion for electoral gains, called for an end to proxy voting, ensuring that every voter has the opportunity to exercise their right responsibly.

Reiterating its commitment to promoting peace, security and development in the State, the Interfaith Forum urged all stakeholders to join hands in fostering a democratic and inclusive electoral process.

WAR OF WORDS BETWEEN CONGRESS, BJP OVER CONGRESS' ELECTION MANIFESTO ON 'ADMINISTRATIVE SET UP'

The BJP Manipur has questioned the contents of the election manifesto of the Congress party in the upcoming Lok Sabha election, alleging that the Congress promised administrative settlement for the Kukis.

In its manifesto, the Congress has stated that a Reconciliation Commission would be formed to bring about "a political and administrative settlement that will be satisfactory to all the people of the State." The Congress also planned to remove the present state government forthwith as the situation has gone from bad to worse, and promised to heal the wounds between communities.

Reacting to the Congress' manifesto, BJP Manipur Pradesh Spokesperson, Johnson Elangbam said, "As we all know, the Kuki community is demanding separate administration within the state, which the BJP strongly objects to. Amidst this situation, the Congress' pledge for administrative settlement is very unfortunate".

The party has demanded a clarification from the Congress party on its stance over the issue and the inherent connotation for such statement, to the people of the state and asked if the party was agreeing to the demand of separate administration for the Kuki community. "We don't know what preliminary agreement was made in 2013-2014 as it never happened. This also shows that Congress doesn't have a clear-cut idea about Manipur's issues", Johnson added.

He also said that the Congress high command is against the National Register of Citizens (NRC) despite party leaders in Manipur extending their support for it. "Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee leaders expressed their support for NRC, but national leaders of Congress are totally against NRC", said Johnson.

Citing Telangana as an example, the BJP leader said that the non-implementation of NRC in the southern state is evidence that Congress doesn't want to endorse NRC. The chief minister of Manipur N. Biren Singh



and BJP MLA RK Imo and Susindro also made comments on the manifesto of the congress on different occasions.

Meanwhile, the Congress candidate for I-Inner Manipur LS election, Bimol Akoijam, while briefing the media, said political parties and their leaders should have vital roles in leading the people in the right path rather than spreading different propaganda. "The idea of appointing a reconciliation commission aims at bringing peace and unity among different communities and groups in the State", he said.

Regarding the 'political and administrative settlement that will be satisfactory to all the people of the State', which is mentioned in the congress manifesto, Bimol responded that the State BJP has misinterpreted the meaning of the phrase and claimed that the Congress has pledged for administrative settlement which is satisfactory to all stakeholders.

"The BJP has reacted only to a part of the phrase 'political and administrative settlement' without understanding the whole context", he said, and suggested the state BJP to read the Congress manifesto carefully". He asserted that the manifesto was drafted after due consultation with experts.

MANIPUR GOVERNMENT DEFY NORMS, APPOINTS DIPLOMA HOLDER AS CHIEF ENGINEER IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The Manipur government in defiance of all established norms and regulations appointed Laishram Saratchandra from Sagolband Nepra Menjor Mamang Leikai as the Chief Engineer within the Education Engineering Wing of the Education Department. Appointing a diploma holder as a Chief Engineer is in contravention against established norms.

The appointment of a Chief Engineer in an engineering department typically requires a candidate to hold an engineering degree rather than just a diploma. Therefore, this appointment blatantly disregards the rules and regulations governing such appointments.

According to a source, L. Saratchandra passed the associate membership examination, which is equivalent to a civil engineering degree in 2022, which is one and half years after he assumed the position of Chief Engineer-in-Charge. This sequence of events further highlighted the irregularity and questionable nature of his appointment, raising concerns about adherence to legal and professional standards within the Manipur government.

L. Saratchandra Singh was appointed to the post of Superintending Engineer (SE) on deputation in the Education Engineering Wing of the Education S Department, on August 5, 2020, and then subsequently appointed as Chief Engineer-in-Charge on December 2, 2020.

To become an SE, one has to hold the post of EE in his parent department, but L. Saratchandra was never promoted to the substantive post of Executive Engineer in the Loktak Development Authority, Manipur, which is his parent department, and as such, appointing him to the post of Superintending Engineer and even in-charge, Chief Engineer in the Department of Education (S), Manipur, is against all norms of deputation, and the same is illegal.

Moreover, he is a close relative of the Joint Secretary-cum-Director of Education (S), Manipur, namely L. Nandakumar Singh, who issued his appointment order. This is a clear case of nepotism and corruption within the Department of Education in Manipur. The appointment of Laishram Saratchandra Singh as Chief Engineer despite regulations governing such appointments is indeed concerning, especially given the irregularities and nepotism surrounding the case. It highlighted potential lapses in adherence to legal and professional standards within the Manipur government.

The public anticipation of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh's response and his commitment to addressing such misconduct is understandable, given his previous declaration regarding consequences for bribery during appointments.



The resistance of a minority, when it is in the right, against the will of the majority, is the essence of democracy.

— *Henri-Frédéric Amiel*

DAILY AFFAIRS OF ILLEGAL ARMS TRAINING, LOOTING, EXTORTIONS, KILLINGS IN IMPHAL VALLEY: PERFECT PLACE FOR IMPOSITION OF AFSPA

If one desires to visit a State of complete chaos in India, one should look towards the Meiteis' state of Kangleipak- the erstwhile "Jewel of Manipur", located in the North-East.

Any sort of crimes or anti-social activities such as illegal arms-training, rampant extortions, looting of arms and properties, killings, intimidations, etc., all are subjects of daily affairs in the purported "undisturbed" area of the Meiteis' Imphal. The place is one of the perfect areas for re-imposition of Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 in order to maintain law and order and contain the sprouting extremist outfits.

Even after 11 months of the ongoing state-engineered ethnic cleansing against the minority Kukis, the Meitei militants such as Arambai Tenggol, Meitei Leepun and Valley-based Insurgent Groups are still intensifying their preparations just to target and annihilate the Kuki-Zo communities after the ensuing Lok Sabha polls.

The militants' combat training and the passing-out parade of the Meiteis' radical groups of Arambai Tenggol are regular features on social media platforms. The video clips show the Arambai militants' training to attack Kuki villages situated along the buffer zones, highlighting their preparation and determination to engage in conflict.

With all the videos circulating on social media platforms, a few questions arised: Can we really believe that peace has returned to Manipur? Why has the Government been turning a blind eye to these armed militia? Does the Government of India truly believe that these well-armed, well-trained Arambai combatants will be used only against the Kukis?

The Arambai Tenggol is patronized by the narcissistic Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh and the Rajya Sabha MP of Manipur, Leisemba Sanjaoba and it is effectively the private mercenaries of extremely influential politicians.

The Government of India must note that this aggressive stance of the radicalised Meiteis should be condemned



and halted at the earliest if not immediately. The government is well aware of the involvement of the Meitei armed groups in the ongoing mayhem but ironically only has the Kuki SoO groups to blame.

Even after the Supreme Court of India's order to protect the abandoned properties of the Kukis in the "valley of death- Imphal" since last year, looting of properties still continues to this day. The abandoned houses of Kukis and their properties are often burnt, vandalised or looted. Today, several properties in one of the Kuki houses situated in Old Lambulane, near CM Bungalow, were reportedly looted by the Meitei radicals, the video of which went viral on social media platforms. One wonders to how the security forces stationed at the vicinity are unable to protect the properties of the Kukis in utter disregard to the orders of the Supreme Court of India?

When law and order have been totally broken down in Manipur, there's no longer any use for District Collectors and Superintendents of Police. The state is inching towards a year under what seems like the dictatorship of CM Biren, which is basically eroding democracy and secularism. Under him, people live like animals dying to eat, unsafe from their predators with lack of basic necessities.

The best remedy for the failed state of Kangleipak is to re-impose AFSPA which accord more powers to the central forces to contain the separatist militants from carrying out more anti-social activities.

A MEITEI MAN, 2 OTHERS ARRESTED WITH DRUGS IN ASSAM

Three individuals including a Meitei man were arrested by the Border Security Force (BSF) on Saturday in south Assam's Silchar for allegedly transporting 100,000 Yaba tablets.

The individuals apprehended were identified as Md Bahar Miah (34) and Uttam Sarkar, residents of Sepahijala district, Tripura, and Naorem Singh (23), a resident of Bishnupur district of Manipur.

According to BSF officials, the consignment was shipped from Imphal and destined for West Bengal.

Acting on a tip-off, a BSF team intercepted a Tata truck near Silchar and discovered the unauthorized Yaba tablets.

"A large quantity of Yaba tablets was being smuggled from Imphal towards Silchar in a Tata truck. Based on intelligence, our BSF team initiated a swift operation and recovered 100,000 Yaba tablets," an official said.



The estimated value of the seized narcotics in the international market is approximately Rs 10 crore (Rs 100 million).

The arrested individuals were handed over to Assam Police, who registered a case against them under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.



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India: The Christian community in Manipur has suffered so much over the last year. This list of Manipur churches attacked and destroyed offers a small glimpse into the scale of the trials they've endured.

h/t -@ChristianIndia_

Sl. No.	Church Name	Location	Date of Attack	Status
14	St. John's Church	Imphal	2023	Destroyed
15	St. Peter's Church	Imphal	2023	Destroyed
16	St. Paul's Church	Imphal	2023	Destroyed
17	St. James' Church	Imphal	2023	Destroyed
18	St. George's Church	Imphal	2023	Destroyed
19	St. Andrew's Church	Imphal	2023	Destroyed
20	St. Basil's Church	Imphal	2023	Destroyed
21	St. Nicholas' Church	Imphal	2023	Destroyed
22	St. Raphael's Church	Imphal	2023	Destroyed
23	St. Symeon's Church	Imphal	2023	Destroyed
24	St. Isaac's Church	Imphal	2023	Destroyed
25	St. Zephaniah's Church	Imphal	2023	Destroyed
26	St. Agatha's Church	Imphal	2023	Destroyed
27	St. Barbara's Church	Imphal	2023	Destroyed
28	St. Blaise's Church	Imphal	2023	Destroyed
29	St. Constantine's Church	Imphal	2023	Destroyed
30	St. Helena's Church	Imphal	2023	Destroyed
31	St. Katharine's Church	Imphal	2023	Destroyed
32	St. Lucy's Church	Imphal	2023	Destroyed
33	St. Margaret's Church	Imphal	2023	Destroyed
34	St. Matilda's Church	Imphal	2023	Destroyed
35	St. Theresia's Church	Imphal	2023	Destroyed
36	St. Veronika's Church	Imphal	2023	Destroyed
37	St. Euphemia's Church	Imphal	2023	Destroyed
38	St. Anastasia's Church	Imphal	2023	Destroyed
39	St. Agnes's Church	Imphal	2023	Destroyed
40	St. Cecilia's Church	Imphal	2023	Destroyed
41	St. Dorothea's Church	Imphal	2023	Destroyed
42	St. Gertrude's Church	Imphal	2023	Destroyed
43	St. Margareta's Church	Imphal	2023	Destroyed
44	St. Brigida's Church	Imphal	2023	Destroyed
45	St. Katerina's Church	Imphal	2023	Destroyed
46	St. Lidwina's Church	Imphal	2023	Destroyed
47	St. Juliane's Church	Imphal	2023	Destroyed
48	St. Ursula's Church	Imphal	2023	Destroyed
49	St. Agathe's Church	Imphal	2023	Destroyed
50	St. Veronika's Church	Imphal	2023	Destroyed

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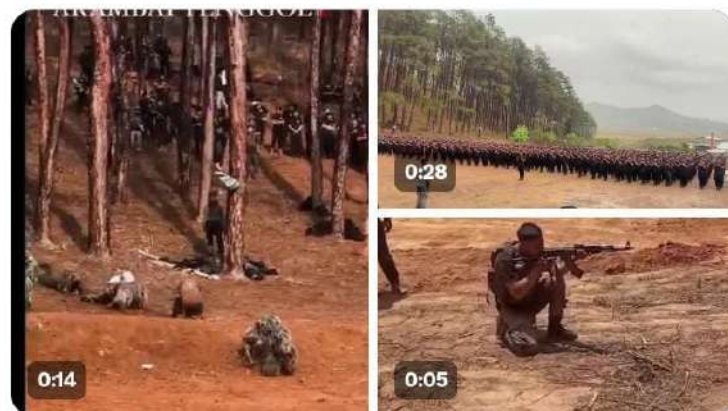
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#Manipur

Amidst the upcoming #LokSabaElection2024 the state sponsored militias preparation to annihilate the minority #Kukizo tribals needs attention . Concern authority must look into it to avoid chaos and conflicts during the election.

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ANALYSIS

Unconventional War in Manipur: Directorate General of Civil Aviation Clueless? Or Toothless?

On 27th June 2021, two explosive-laden drones crashed into an Indian military station at Jammu. That incident was considered the first use of drone in India to attack the Indian military. Security experts had then realized that the wars in India will now have to tread the unconventional path.

Early Warnings by the Mainstream Media:

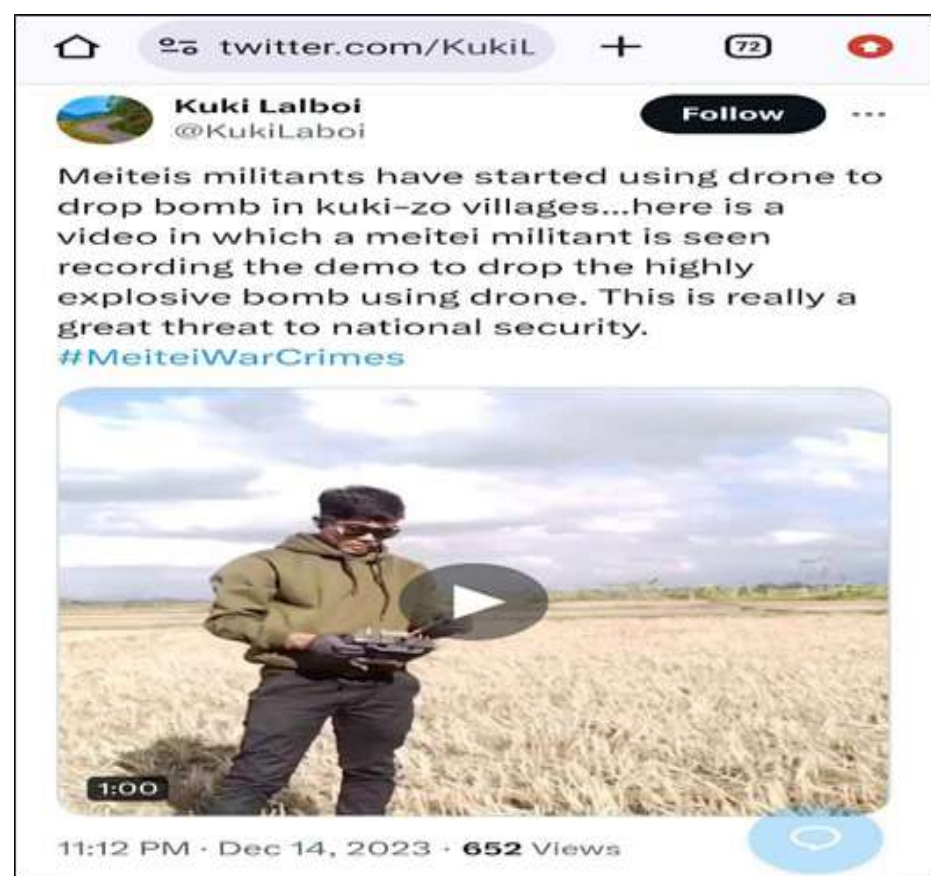
While the use of drones by the public has been mainly for entertainment / news gathering/ photography etc., security experts have always been concerned about the potential threat/s drones have posed. As far as 9th July 2023, IndiaTV had reported on the use of quadcopters by the Kuki and Meitei communities to “to monitor each other’s movement” .

On 10th July 2023, **NorthEast Live TV** has carried a news titled: **“Manipur unrest: Rival clashing groups using off-the- shelf drones to monitor each other’s movements”** , wherein it was mentioned that the drones were used for surveillance purpose. On 19th Nov 2023, Imphal International Airport had to be shut down because some errant Meitei public had flown a rogue drone over the Airport.

Alert from Twitter Users:

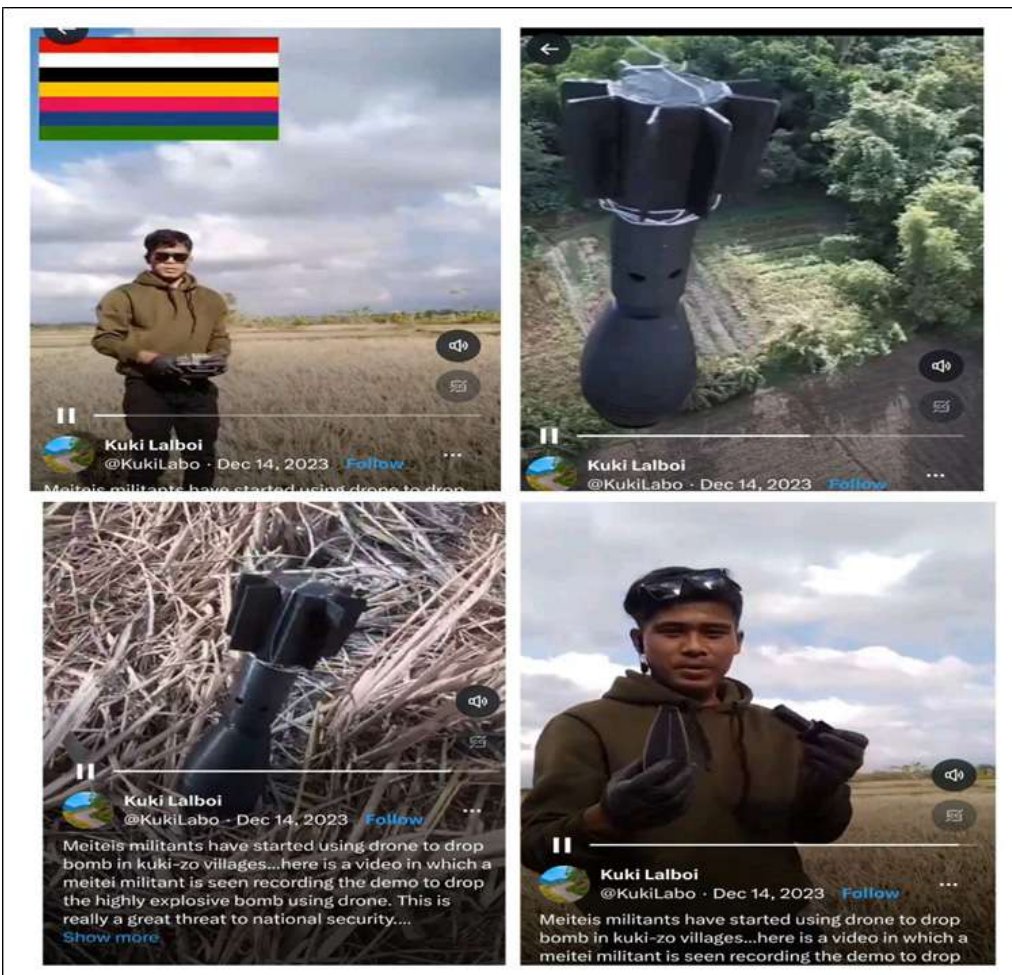
On 14th December 2023, a **Kuki X user** (@KukiLalboi) tweeted a video wherein a “Meitei militant is seen recording the demo to drop the highly explosive bomb

using drone.” He added that this is “really a great threat to national security”. The video raised a huge concern amongst the Kuki community, and accordingly Kuki X users made serious efforts to inform @PMO (Prime Minister of India’s Office), @HMO (Office of the Home Minister of India), @adgpi (Additional Directorate General of Public Information, IHQ of Indian Army) about the said video.



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Curious Case of Nandalal Thiyam Meitei



On 15th December 2023, The Sangai Express had carried a news that Mr. Nandalal Thiyam had assembled a drone which “**can travel a long distance and carry an object as heavy as one kilogram**”. What the news willfully hid from the masses was that the said drone was being modified by Mr. Thiyam Meitei to be capable of carrying bombs upto 1 kg to attack the Kukis.

Law Regarding Possession of Drone/s

DGCA’s Drone Rules, 2021

In India the law regulating the use or possession is the **Drone Rules, 2021**. **Rule 14 (1)** of the Rules, stated: “**No person shall operate an unmanned aircraft system without first registering it on the digital sky platform and obtaining a unique identification number.**”

Rule 26 stated that no person shall operate drone so as “to endanger the safety and security of any person or property.”

Rule 27 prohibits any person from using drone to carry arms, ammunition, explosives and military stores, except with the written permission of the Central Government or any other person authorised by the Central Government.

Rule 50 stipulated that a person failing to comply with the regulations will be fined with a penalty not exceeding rupees one lakh.

It was later learnt that the demonstration on drone carrying/ dropping of bomb was videographed by a meitei youth **Nandalal Thiyam** of Bishnupur, who was regularly in the news for modification of drones, and electric skateboard .

Such news / video would have immediately alerted any drone regulatory body in any country, but not India’s Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), the regulatory body for drones, or as called by DGCA, the Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS). The DGCA failed to appreciate the precarious drone environment in Manipur, and did not immediately put in place regulatory measures.



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Manipur Drone Policy, 2023

To regulate drones within Manipur, the Manipur Government had issued an Extraordinary Gazette on 3rd April 2023 titled: **“Manipur Drone Policy, 2023”**.

Para 5.2 of the Policy deals with **“Regulation of Drone”**: All Drones of different variants (including nanos, micros, small, medium and large) operating in the State should be mandatorily registered in the Digital Sky Platform and obtain a Unique Identification Number (UIN) from Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), Government of India.

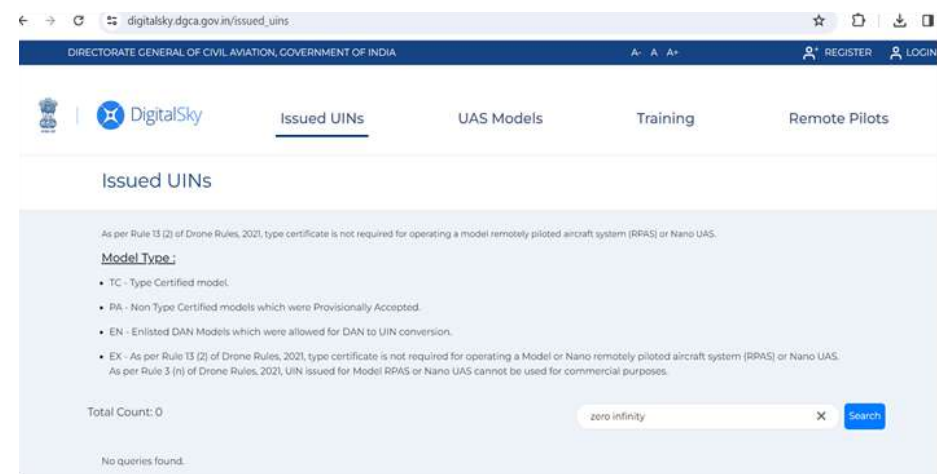
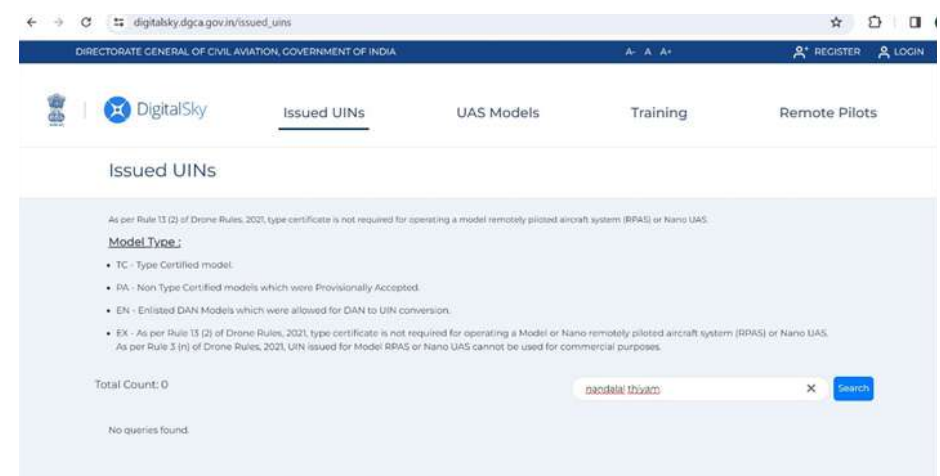
Para 5.3 of the Policy mandatorily requires that **“all drones operating in the state shall mandatorily follow all rules/ guidelines set under the Drone Rules, 2021”**. To sum up, the Manipur Drone Policy, 2023 is just a reaffirmation of the applicability of the DGCA’s Drone Rules, 2021 for the state of Manipur.

Villains Still Free: DGCA responsible?

As no action was taken by the DGCA, and no report has even been sought by DGCA, the evil actions of Mr. Nandalal Thiyam was kept hidden. Rather, he has been regularly feted and invited by various organisations. 12 days after Meitei terrorists, and allegedly supported by Mr. Nandalal Thiyam, attacked villagers of Khousesabung, **NewsPint** reported that on 29.02.2024 government institutions such as **NABARD** (in collaboration with Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhy Institute of Agricultural Sciences) had invited him for its **“One day Program on Robotics and Drone Application in Horticultural crops”**, at Kameng Campus, Imphal East.

It is very surprising that **NABARD** has been engaging with those drone makers who are using drones not for peaceful purposes, but to attack others.

The digital sky (Digisky) portal shows that no drone was registered in the name of Mr. Nandalal Thiyam or in his organisation’s name (Zero and Infinity Innovation and Problem Solving).

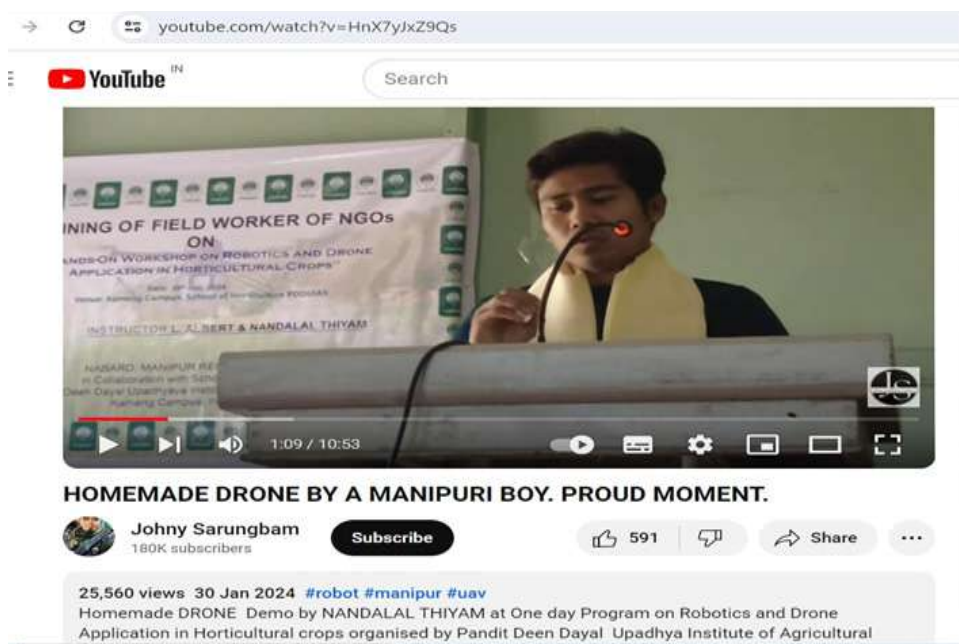


This is a clear violation of the Drone Rules, 2021, and of the Manipur Drone Policy 2023; yet the DGCA, and the Manipur Government were not vigilant enough to check if the drones being displayed by various people in Manipur are properly registered.

Manipur Police – Law enforcer or Law Breaker?

It is very surprising that no drone was also registered with the national regulator by the Manipur Police as on 31.03.2024, and despite this Manipur Police has been reported to be using drones multiple times in contravention of the DGCA’s Drone Rules, 2021 and Manipur’s Drone Policy, 2023.

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Below is a photo of Drone utilised by Manipur Police (Source: Ukhrul Times), and unavailability of Manipur Police's name in DigiSky.



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As per Rule 3 (n) of Drone Rules, 2021, UIN issued for Model RPAS or Nano UAS cannot be used for commercial purposes.

Total Count: 6

S.No.	UIN	UAS Model Name	Model Type	UAS Class	Is Model	All Up Weight (kg)	Issued Date	UIN Owner
1	UA000PUS0EN	SWITCH V1	EN	SMALL	NO	25,000	30 MAR 2022	THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, GAD CHIROLI
2	UA000RAM0EN	SPARK	EN	MICRO	NO	2,000	30 MAR 2022	CID HARYANA POLICE
3	UA00FBW50TC	Q4I	TC	SMALL	NO	2,700	26 FEB 2024	CID HARYANA POLICE
4	UA00FCZ50TC	Q4I	TC	SMALL	NO	2,700	27 FEB 2024	CID HARYANA POLICE
5	UA00GM50TC	Q4I	TC	SMALL	NO	2,700	21 MAR 2024	CHANDIGARH POLICE
6	UA00GML50TC	Q4I	TC	SMALL	NO	2,700	21 MAR 2024	CHANDIGARH POLICE

As per Rule 13 (2) of Drone Rules, 2021, type certificate is not required for operating a model remotely piloted aircraft system (RPAS) or Nano UAS.

First Drone Attack on Kuki Villagers

Eventually, on 16th December 2023, the Meitei terrorists, allegedly aided by the Meitei Police and with the drone operated by Nandalal Thiyam Meitei, created history in India by becoming the first ethnic group in India to use drones to attack another ethnic group i.e. the Kuki villagers of G. Songgel, near Sugnu. The drones were loaded with military grade explosives.



PIC: Trail of Destruction left by Bomb dropped from Meitei Drones. Location: G. Songgel village



Bomb dropped from Drone by Meitei terrorists to attack Kuki Villagers on 16.12.23. The bomb is attached with strings as has been demonstrated by Nandalal Thiyam Meitei

Second Drone Attack on Kuki Villagers

As no deterrent action was taken against the Meitei terrorists by the Meitei Government and the DGCA, the Meitei terrorists acted with impunity and deployed the same modus operandi used at G. Songgel to attack the villagers of Khausabung, a Kuki village near Moirang, on the 18th January 2024.



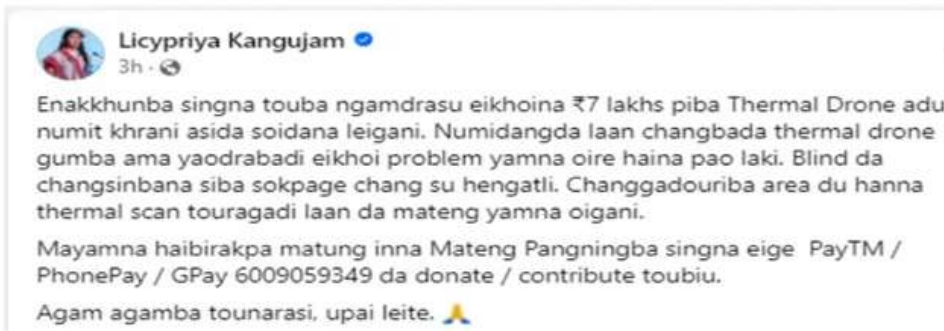
PIC: Meitei terrorists dropped bombs from Drone on Khausabung villagers on 18.01.2024.

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Warmonger Licypriya Kangujam's new passion: Drones

On 18th January 2024, Ukhrul Times (UT) reported that Licypriya Kangujam was seeking "crowdfunding to acquire Thermal Drone to aid in 'entering war'". The UT translated her Facebook's post as under:



Licypriya wrote [translation]: "Even though rich people can't, we will definitely buy the Rs 7 Lakhs worth thermal drone in couple of days. We have received report that entering war in the evening without thermal drone has brought problems. Entering war blindly increases casualties. Thermal scanning the areas beforehand will be highly beneficial'. 'As per public request, those willing may donate/contribute to my PayTM/ PhonePay/ GPay 6009059349'. Let's contribute whatever we can, there's no other means"

Within just 2 days, Licypriya reported on her Facebook that she was in a position to purchase 02 Thermal Imaging Drones (each valued at more than Rs. 5.5 Lacs). On 22nd January, the Frontier Manipur reported that the drones were handed over to Arambai Tenggol. The said news journal also reported that the drones were handed over to the illegal organization Arambai Tenggol to be used "against illegal Kuki Narco Terrorists to protect our indigenous rights, our forests, land and our country."



Very surprisingly, the drones were carried in an airplane from Delhi to Imphal. How the Airport Security and Airline Security allowed such Thermal Imaging Drones to be carried in an airplane when the said drones were not registered with the DGCA is totally surprising. And yet no report was sought by DGCA or BCAS (Bureau of Civil Aviation Security) for such security lapse.

Complaints Unheeded

Complaints about such alarming procurement of drones by the Kangujam family to harm the Kuki population were made to the Ministry of Civil Aviation, the DGCA, the Indian Army and the Assam Rifles by a Twitter User (@DrBobBuilder) on 19.01.2024, but till date (31.03.2024) no action has been taken either based on the complaint, or suo-moto.



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Right To Information Sought From DGCA

Having seen that no suo-motu action was taken by the DGCA on the misuse of drones by the Meiteis, an RTI was filed with the DGCA on various questions. The queries and the corresponding answers were as below:

1) How many areas are identified as No Drone Zone in the state of Manipur? What are the Zones/ Areas and their coverage in Square Kilometres?

1. Under Rule 19 Drone Rules 2021, Central government has notified the an airspace map on Digital Sky platform for unmanned aircraft system operations segregating the entire airspace of India into red zone, yellow zone and green zone.

2) How many numbers of Drones in Manipur are registered and authorised with DGCA?

2. 10 Drones are registered from Manipur on the Digital Sky platform.

(Views of TLM: No drone was registered by Nandalal Thiyam or his organization; or by Manipur Police; or by the Forest Department of Manipur who have been utilizing drone illegally for declaration of Forest Reserve in the past; or even by any agricultural university, including Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhy Institute of Agricultural Sciences)

3) How many numbers of Thermal Imaging Drones in Manipur are registered with and authorised by DGCA? Please provide the required details of the civilian owners.

3. No information is available with DGCA.

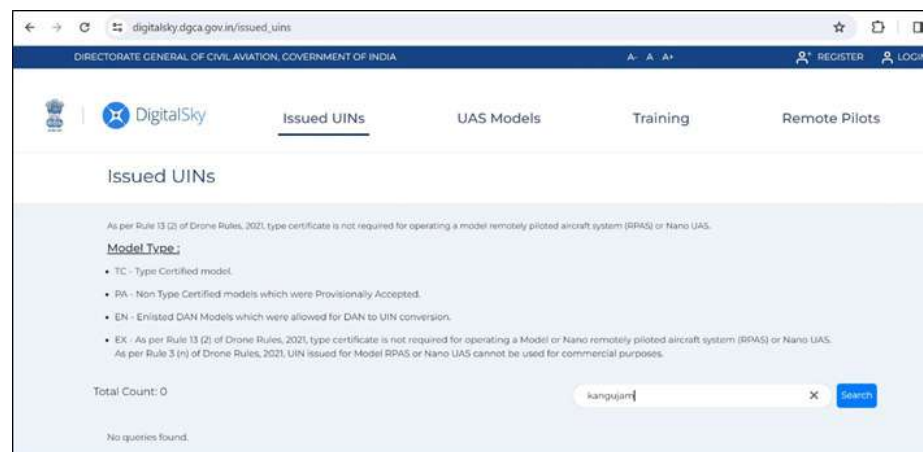
(Views of TLM: This clearly means that no civilian in Manipur is authorized by DGCA to own Thermal Imaging Drones. It also means that the Kangujam family or the Arambai Tenggols or even the Meitei police are illegally procuring / using Thermal imaging drones. Such illegal activities should be stopped immediately, and the persons illegally owning it should be prosecuted as per the law of the land. DGCA and Manipur government should immediately take cognizance of such brazen disregard of the Drone Rules/ Policy)

4) Any drone registered in the name of Licypriya Kangujam or Kanarjit Kangujam or Bidyarani Devi Kangujam Ongbi? If not registered how were they

allowed to collect money for drones by the DGCA (Click the Link: [Ukhrul Times](#))

4. List of Drone owners is available on the Digital Sky Platform Platform.

(Views of TLM: As per DGCA, no drone was registered with any of the Kangujam family as on 31.03.2024, as shown below:



This only means that the Kangujam family, including Licypriya, have been engaging in illegal activities of drone collection, purchase and transfer without any registration or authorization from DGCA)

5) Any report sought by DGCA from the state Government of Manipur on the usage of drones by non state actors in the current violence in Manipur?

5. No report has been sought by DGCA from the state Government of Manipur on the usage of drones.

(Views of TLM:Under **Rule 51** of the Drone Rules 2021, the Director General of DGCA, or any person authorised by him is fully empowered to inspect any unmanned aircraft system, any related facility, interact with any personnel, and inspect any document or record. However, the DGCA, with all its power, had for reasons best known to the DG, DGCA, turned a blind eye to the rampant misuse of Drones in Manipur. This speaks ill of the regulatory system in place, and questions the credibility of the DGCA in enforcing the Drone Rules 2021.)

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Conclusion

From the above analysis, it emerges that the DGCA has not been able to regularly monitor and ensure the proper implementation of the provisions under Drone Rules 2021. This lack of supervision of the DGCA is the main reason why drones are used with impunity by the state and non-state actors alike in Manipur, and is contributing to furthering the violence. This does not bode well for the state and for the country, and most of all for the reputation of DGCA.

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Zalengam: Land of Freedom

In the shadows of the moon's soft glow,
A dream is born, a fervent glow,
A land of our own, where hopes can flow,
A homeland true, where dreams can grow

Across the valleys, beneath the sky,
Where echoes of freedom will never die.
With every heartbeat, a passionate sigh,
we yearn for wings, so we may fly

In the tapestry of stars above,
We weave our dreams, with boundless love,
A land where justice reigns, like a dove,
Guiding us to the land we dream of.

Through trials and tribulations, we stride,
With unwavering faith, as our guide,
In our hearts, the flame of pride,
For our homeland, where dreams reside.

So let us paint the horizon bright,
With colors of freedom, in the night,
For our dream of Zalengam, burning bright,
Shall be our beacon, in the darkest plight.

-Hemminlal Touthang