

Thingkho Le Maleha

A Daily Newsletter by KSO Media & Documentation Cell



H Twinomjang RELIEF CENTRE

H Twinomjang Community Hall,
Sadar Hills

Managed by
District Administration &
Kuki CSOs, Sadar Hills

Total Inmates Registered: 56



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 13.03.2024



167
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.

UNLF, ARAMBAI TENGGOL FIRE AUTOMATIC WEAPONS TOWARDS PHAITOL VILLAGE; KUKI-ZO VOLUNTEERS WARN OF CONSEQUENCES

The Kuki Zo Village Volunteers, Vangailhang & Tuilangkol (KZVV) has stated that suspected UNLF militants and Arambai Tenggol had once again fired automatic weapons towards Phaitol Village of Tamenglong district on the intervening night of 13 March.

The following day, the UNLF and the Arambai Tenggol were seen with full military gear, automatic weapons and were advancing towards the peripheral areas of Phaitol village and other Kuki-Zo villages, said Kuki Zo village volunteers in a release issued on Thursday.

The Kuki Zo village volunteers stated that they are compelled to issue a stern warning that such provocative and terrorizing acts against Kuki-Zo people in Jiribam and surrounding areas will be given a befitting response and dealt with accordingly.

Recently, incidents of intimidation and terrorizing of tribal commuters in Jiribam have risen to an alarming situation and it is likely to escalate if the district administration of Jiribam and concerned authorities fail to contain and put check on such provocative acts appropriately, stated the release.

There had been incidents of villagers from Kaimai village being held captive by Arambai Tenggol last month. Besides, last week suspected cadres of UNLF were approaching in a warlike manner towards Mongbung village in Jiribam, it added.

The Kuki-Zo volunteers stated that many more incidents of intimidation had been deliberately ignored by Kuki-Zo communities on the request and suggestion of Commandant 39th Assam Rifles and district authorities to preserve peace as per understanding made between the tribal and Meetei communities.

However, recent developments had created fear and trepidation among the general public and as such, the Kuki Zo Village volunteers (KZVV), Vangailhang & Tuilangkol would not remain a mere spectator to such



**KUKI-ZO VILLAGE VOLUNTEER (KZVV)
VANGAILHANG**

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Press communique

The Kuki Zo Village Volunteer, Vangailhang & Tuilangkol (KZVV) is appalled to learned that in spite of the commitment of kuki-zo people in maintaining peace and harmony in Jiribam and surrounding areas, the valley base militants and Arambai Tenggol had always attempted to sabotage the peace initiative undertaken by the Peace Committee Jiribam. The KZVV had learned that suspected UNLF militants and members of Arambai Tenggol had once again fired automatic weapons towards Phaitol Village of Tamenglong in the intervening night of 13 March . Again, in the same morning, i.e. today morning, those militants are seen with full military gears and automatic weapons advancing towards the peripheral areas of Phaitol village and other Kuki zo villages.

As such, the Kuki Zo village volunteers, Vangailhang is compelled to issue a stern Warning that such provocative and terrorising acts against Kuki-zo people in Jiribam and surrounding areas will be given befitting response and deal accordingly. Recently, incidents of intimidation and terrorising tribal commuters in Jiribam had been in alarming situation which is likely to escalated, if the district administration of Jiribam and concern authorities fails to contain and put a check on such provocative acts appropriately. There had been incidents of villagers from Kaimai village held captive by Arambai Tenggol in the last month, last week suspected cadres of UNLF were approaching in a warlike manner towards Mongbung village in Jiribam. Many more incidents of intimidation had been ignored on the request of Civil Societies, Assam Rifles and district authorities as they promised to preserve peace as per understanding made between the tribal and meetei communities.

However, recent developments had created fear and trepidation among the general public and as such, the Kuki Zo Village volunteers (KZVV) , Vangailhang & Tuilangkol would not remain a mere spectator to such warlike aggression and intimidation towards the Kuki-Zo people in the area. We seek to stand towards preserving peace and co-existence of different communities in Jiribam and surrounding areas but any act of aggression and intimidation to our people will be response benefitingly and we are prepared to faced any eventuality that could possibly come from war mongering leaders and organizations.


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Vangailhang & Tuilangkool

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The Kuki-Zo volunteers will always stand for peace and co-existence of different communities in Jiribam and surrounding areas but will sternly respond to any act of aggression and intimidation to Kuki-Zo people, stated the release.

The valley based militants and Arambai Tenggol had always attempted to sabotage the peace initiative undertaken by the Peace Committee Jiribam, it added.

SPITEFUL EXAMINATION QUESTION IN MANIPUR CLASS-XII EXAM RAISES COMMUNAL CONCERN ABOUT EDUCATIONAL TERRORISM

In a shocking instance of politicizing Education in the state, the education department under Manipur government resorted to using cheap tactics by including a question in today's Sociology paper for Class-XII students that appears to exacerbate tensions between communities.

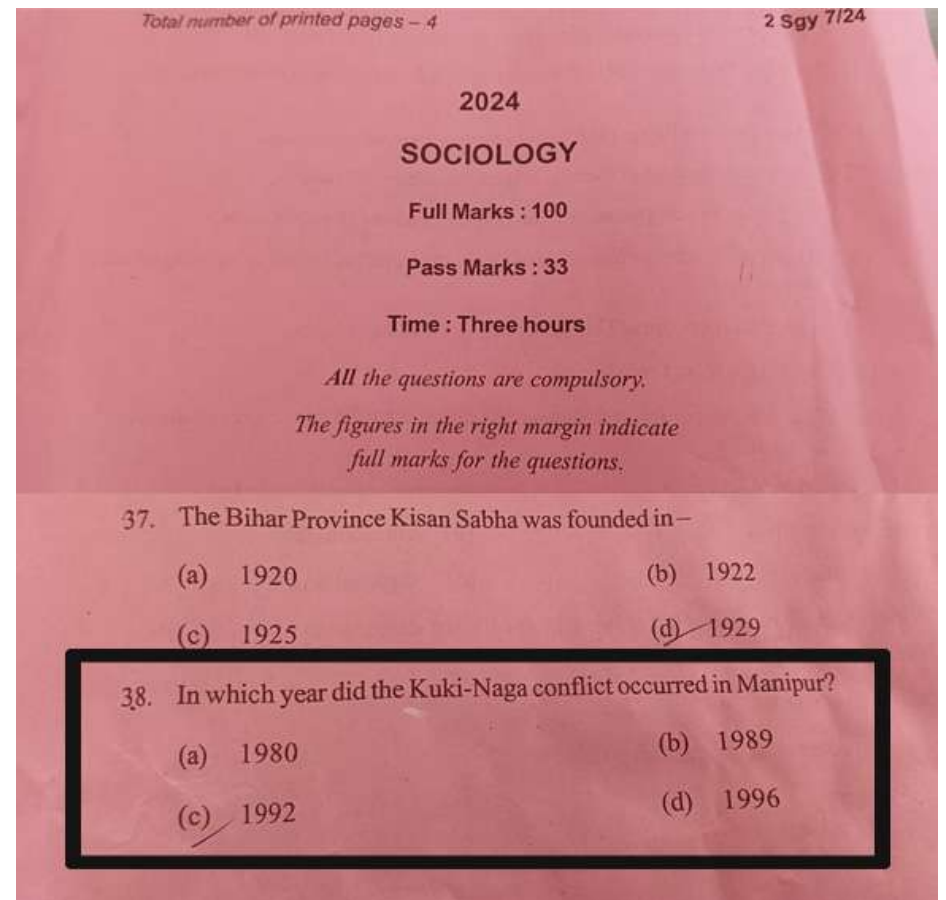
In today's Sociology paper for Class-XII, conducted by Council of Higher Secondary Examination Manipur (CoHSEM), the Council deliberately or intentionally asks students about the year of the Kuki-Naga Conflict in Manipur.

The question asked was: "In which year did the Kuki-Naga conflict occurred in Manipur." The option has four options for the students to choose. This move has been criticized for its potentially divisive nature, especially considering the ongoing conflict between the Kuki and Meitei communities in the state. The question was formulated with a hidden agenda and malicious intent to provoke these (Kuki & Naga) communities. This action not only undermines the integrity of the examination council but also raises questions about whether it serves the interests of all students impartially.

Manipur has witnessed genocidal cleansing against minority Kukis by the majority Meiteis for the past ten months. Three community – Kukis, Nagas & Meiteis, has been living together since ages. In this conflict, the Naga have maintained neutral since, as such the two warring communities have been vying to gain their favour in order to strengthen their position and agenda.

With this type of question being put-up for Higher Secondary students, it is clear that the question has been set with a hidden agenda and malicious intention. Critics argue that the question appears to have been crafted with a hidden agenda, possibly aimed at provoking these communities.

The Meiteis – who always make deceitful attempt to win the hearts of Nagas have been propagating the Kukis as foreigners and the Nagas as Indigenous. Not only the Meitei common people, even the state



government has resorted to various means to portray the Kukis as antagonists, this time by using the education department. However, though the Meiteis openly declared themselves as the brother of Nagas, it was the Nagas who have bore the brunt of Meitei's atrocities in Imphal valley during this conflict. In their attempt to remind the Nagas of their past skirmishes with the Kukis, they intentionally set-up a question to provoke the Kukis. Here, the intention is crystal clear, that is to provoke both the Naga and Kuki community so that they once engaged themselves against bloody conflict so that they profited themselves by making the two tribal community engage in a conflict.

The questions also derailed the integrity of governing council who conducts examination for higher secondary students. How can such education governing body stoop so low to the extent of provoking one community for the interest of another community. Is CoHSEM only for Meitei students? – is a now a probable question for all to ponder.

HARDWORK OF KSO-GHQ & JSB PAYS OFF: UPSC MAY SOON CONDUCT EXAMS IN KUKI DISTRICTS OF CHURACHANDPUR & KANGPOKPI

In what could be termed a huge reward for the persistent efforts of the Kuki Students' Organisation – General Headquarter, and of the Joint Students' Body, Lamka (one of the student bodies of the Kuki-Zo community), the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) has sent a letter on 13th March 2024 to the Chief Secretary of Government of Manipur asking it to inform the UPSC if it “would be conducive to hold the Commission’s Examination” in Churachandpur and Kangpokpi.

It is to be noted that the KSO-GHQ wrote to the UPSC for setting up of exam centres in Churachandpur and Kangpokpi in the interest of “inclusivity and fairness”, as it was no longer possible for the Kuki students to go to Imphal, and that it was not fair for the students of these districts to travel to other states for appearing in the said exams. At the same time, the JSB had also written to the country’s topmost exam conducting body for an exam centre in Churachandpur.

MEITEI GOVERNMENT NOT INTERESTED

It very surprising to note that as per the contents of the UPSC’s letter dated 13th March 2024, the Chief Secretary of Manipur has been absolutely non-responsive to the Commission’s earlier letters dated 8th Feb 2024 and 23rd Feb 2024 on the possibility of conducting the UPSC’s exams in the hill districts. The last date for the online filling of the application of this year’s UPSC CSE had already concluded on 6th March 2024, and due to the Chief Secretary’s non-submission of the sought reply of the Commission, many Kuki students could not choose Churachandpur or Kangpokpi as their exam centre. This is one of the many injustices faced



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To,
Dr. Manoj Sonu,
Chairman,
Union Public Service Commission
Dholpur House, Shahjahan Road, New Delhi.

Subject: Opening of an Examination Centre at Kangpokpi District and Churachandpur District, Manipur, for UPSC Preliminary Examination – Regarding

Sir,

Greetings from KSO GHQ.

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to bring to your attention the prevailing situation faced by aspirants in Kangpokpi District and Churachandpur District, Manipur, regarding the UPSC Preliminary Examination and to request the establishment of examination centres in these areas.

The aspirants from these regions currently face significant challenges due to the lack of a nearby examination centre. The current examination centre in Imphal has become increasingly inaccessible for many candidates due to various factors, and we believe that opening new centres in Kangpokpi District and Churachandpur District would greatly benefit the aspiring candidates in the region.

The prevailing situation in these areas, including demographic and geographical separation, poses a considerable hurdle for aspirants. Many candidates find it difficult to travel to distant examination centres due to the lack of proper transportation facilities and the associated financial burden. This creates an unfair disadvantage for these candidates, hindering their ability to perform at their best in the UPSC Preliminary Examination.

Moreover, considering the demographic and geographical diversity of Manipur, it is crucial to ensure equitable access to the examination process. Establishing examination centres in Kangpokpi District and Churachandpur District would not only address the transportation issue but also provide a more accessible and convenient option for the aspirants residing in these areas.

In light of the challenges faced by the candidates and the impracticality of the current examination centre in Imphal, we earnestly request your intervention to consider and approve the establishment of UPSC Preliminary Examination centres in Kangpokpi District and Churachandpur District, Manipur. This step would contribute significantly to promoting inclusivity and fairness in the UPSC examination process.

We sincerely hope for your understanding and positive consideration of this matter. Your support in this endeavour would go a long way in ensuring equal opportunities for all aspiring candidates in Manipur.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Thangmoi Haokip
Education Secretary
KSO General Headquarters

Pic: Representation of KSO-GHQ submitted to UPSC Chairman on 30th January 2024

by the Kuki student community at the hands of the Meitei government, as despite the lapse of one month from 8th Feb 2024, a reply to the UPSC has been deemed unnecessary by state officials as it concerns only the Kuki students.

VALLEY CSOs ANNOUNCE 48-HOUR GENERAL STRIKE OVER ARREST OF UNLF (P) KEY LEADERS

Demanding unconditional release of the three arrested Meitei militants by the National Investigative Agency (NIA) on Wednesday, the valley based civil society organisations such as Federation of Civil Society Organizations, MWF, IPOM, UMO, WMC, KKJCC, Yelhoumi Kanba Lup, Apunba Sinmitlon, Singjamei Apunba Nupi Lup, All Lilong Chajing Meira Paibi, amongst others have announced a 48-hour general strike from Thursday midnight within the Meiteiland.

Briefing the media in Imphal on Thursday, Th. Manihar urged the people in the State to support and cooperate for successful execution of the strike. Accusing the concerned authorities of disregarding the Meiteis' demand to release the arrested militants by 12 noon on Thursday, Th. Manihar said the CSOs have decided to go ahead with the general strike.

"UNLF Pambei group has entered into peace talks with Indian government. However, the cadres have been arrested which is against the talk," he said.

Not accepting Manipur government's denial of any knowledge over the incident, the CSOs also declared that they are ready to launch intense agitation against

the arrest.

Earlier in the day, the Meitei Chief Minister, N.Biren Singh, said that the State Government has no knowledge as to why the three members of the UNLF (Pambei) group had been taken away. "The government has already urged the Centre to release the three detained members if they were found not guilty," Biren said.

In an official statement, the NIA has confirmed the arrest of three Meitei militants in connection with NIA Case number RC-23/2023/NIA/DLI-reg. to the Superintendent of Police, Imphal West.

The investigating agency informed that the three cadres arrested are - Thokchom Shyamjai @ Thokchom Gynaeshor @Thoiba@ Zaw Tun @ Sidaba Mapu, S/O Late Th. Ibotombi of Mayang Imphal, Imphal West; Laimayum Anand Sharma @ Ingba, S/O Late Indneshwar Sharma from Yaiskul Hiruhanba Leikai, Imphal West, and Ibomcha @ Landaba @Ibomcha Meitei, S/O Lokesar Meitei, of Salam Keikhu, Langjing, Imphal West.

N BIREN SINGH URGES RELEASE OF ARRESTED UNLF (P) CADRES

Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh has urged the relevant authorities to release three members of the United National Liberation Front (UNLF) unless they are proven guilty of any wrongdoing.

This plea follows the recent arrest of members associated with the Pambei faction of the UNLF (UNLF-P), raising concerns about potential disruptions to the current peace negotiations.

Speaking to the media during the inauguration of the State Institute of Hotel Management in Nongmaiching, Imphal East, Chief Minister N Biren Singh emphasized

the significance of honoring the peace agreement.

He also affirmed his government's dedication to preserving peace in the area and requested clarification from the authorities regarding the circumstances of the arrests.

The Chief Minister also called upon central leaders to guarantee that the state government is notified beforehand about any actions taken against individuals participating in peace discussions.

TENSION MOUNTS AS SECURITY FORCES DISRUPT VOLUNTEER TRAINING IN TAMENGLONG DISTRICT

Tension grips the Makoi-Chingkao area in Manipur's Tamenglong district following the tense commotion between the security force and Rongmei Naga women erupted after the 6th Assam Rifles allegedly entered the area where village volunteers are reportedly undergoing physical training at Chingkao village.

The Rongmei Naga Council Manipur, the apex body of the Rongmei tribe, strongly condemned the incident terming it "disheartening" and demanded the authorities concerned to check the alleged indecent attitude of the security personnel to avoid further escalation of the situation.

According to the Rongmei tribe's apex body, the 6th Assam Rifles personnel posted at the Barak area entered the restricted area at Chingkao village where village volunteers are undergoing physical training at around 9 am on Thursday despite repeated appeals from the village folk at Makoi village, which is to the proximity of Chingkao village to withdraw the patrol group as it might pose a threat to the security of the volunteers.

However, the armed security personnel attempted to force their way toward the training area, which is highly condemnable, stated the Rongmei Naga Council Manipur.

It also stated that the volunteer training has been done purely for defensive purposes as the situation in Manipur became extremely unpredictable and considering the circumstances faced by other communities in the state, it is pertinent that each member of the tribe has the combatant capability



to defend their land if the need arises which we earnestly believe is nothing unconstitutional.

"There is no ulterior motive, and no agendas otherwise as wrongly perceived by the security agencies, which has made the issues all the more complicated", it stated.

The Rongmei tribe's apex body further stated that the incident demonstrated the provocative act of the security personnel against the sentiments of the incident public.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH, GOVTS MUST DEVISE WAY TO RESOLVE CONFLICT IN MANIPUR: EEVFAM

Reiterating its stand for repealing AFSPA from Manipur, Extra-Judicial Execution Victims Families Association (EEVFAM) has urged the Union and State governments to devise a way in which all forms of violence-ridden conflict can be resolved. “The Union and State governments should no longer prolong the ongoing conflict as our people have suffered enough under the shadow of guns,” it said.

In a press statement issued by its secretary Edina Yaikhom, EEVFAM maintained that the violence between two communities in Manipur that began on May 3, 2023 is yet to be resolved till today. It is believed that over 200 persons have been killed in the ongoing violence though the state government is yet to come up with the latest official figure on the number of persons who had been killed or injured, it said.

“Whatever the total number is, the violence continues sporadically and people still fear that fresh rounds of violence will hit them without the innocent people not knowing that they would be victims of conflict,” added EEVFAM.

“Affected by the ongoing violence and chaos, we at EEVFAM are still deeply saddened and shocked at the way how events have unfolded in Manipur since May 3, 2023,” it said.

Sharing their views on the ongoing crisis, EEVFAM said that being widows, mothers and relatives of persons who had been victims of extrajudicial killings, they can truly feel the pains and traumatic experience of those killed in the post-May 3, 2023 violence.

Maintaining that they were speaking from the real-life perspective of those who have lost their near and dear ones, EEVFAM said as widows, they have struggled for their survival and dignity. They have faced the immense hardships while trying to raise their own children. Those of them, who are married are single-parents who are supporting the well-being of their children, it added.



“In the current context, we have also discovered that many of us are “double or triple-time victims” of violence irrespective of what community we belong to. Those of us who married outside our own communities had to bear the brunt of the current violence too,” it said.

“It also said, “Others who had been victims of state-sponsored violence have also now become victims of ethnic violence. Having said this, we reiterate our stand that we have all been victims of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA), regardless of community affiliations. We do not at all encourage the views that AFSPA should be re-imposed in specific areas where the ACT has been lifted in the last few years,”

It also reiterated that as victims of AFSPA related violence, they encompass all the victims in of AFSPA in Manipur irrespective of their social, economic, religious and ethnic background. “And now is the time to say that “Enough is enough”, we do not need any form of violence – be it state-sponsored violence or vested interest-triggered violence. At the end of the day, violence and conflict affect all people of the state. Stop violence and also repeal AFSPA from Manipur,” it said.

Source: [The Frontier Manipur](#)

REKNOWNED JOURNALISTS GREESHMA KUTHAR, RITIKA CHOPRA WIN CHAMELI DEVI JAIN AWARD

Journalists Greeshma Kuthar and Ritika Chopra have been declared the winners of Chameli Devi Jain Award for Outstanding Women Mediaperson for the year 2024. The Media Foundation made the announcement on Thursday, March 14. The award ceremony is scheduled to be held on March 15.

The journalists were selected by a jury comprising senior journalist and columnist Radhika Ramaseshan (Chair), journalist and author Mariyam Alavi and Richard Mahapatra, the managing editor of 'Down to Earth' magazine.

Greeshma Kuthar, an independent journalist and an advocate from Tamil Nadu has extensively covered the violence in Manipur, which broke out in May 2023. At least 175 people were officially declared dead and more than 60,000 were displaced in the ethnic conflict. She has also written extensively on the institutionalisation of Hindutva.

Ritika Chopra has been a journalist for the past 17 years and has been reporting widely on politics and government policy. Currently, she is the Chief of National Bureau (Govt) and National Education Editor with The Indian Express. She has received the Vienna-based International Press Institute's India Award for Excellence in Journalism in 2022 and the Laadli Media Award in 2018.

The award ceremony will be held at CD Deshmukh Hall in India International Centre, Delhi, and will be



followed by the BG Verghese Memorial Lecture to be delivered by renowned journalist TN Ninan on 'Work and Wages: Old Challenges in the Age of Automation and AI'.

Instituted in 1982, the prestigious annual award named after freedom fighter and community reformer Chameli Devi Jain, is administered by the Media Foundation. It recognises women mediapersons in India who have made an impact with their reporting on themes such as social development, politics, equity, gender justice, health, war and conflict, consumer values, and democratic rights.


Last year, The News Minute's editor-in-chief Dhanya Rajendran received the award.

Source: [The News Minute](#)



The supreme art of war is to subdue the enemy without fighting.

– Sun Tzu

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MESSAGE

Kuki Students' Organisation, Churachandpur would like to extend its wishes to all the students as they embark on their HSLC exams from March 15 to April 8, 2024.

May your diligence and preparation pave the path to success. Stay composed, focused, and self-assured. Remember, these exams are but a stepping stone towards a bright future that awaits you. Have faith in your capabilities, maintain optimism, and believe in yourselves.

Wishing you all the very best for a prosperous and triumphant journey ahead.

With warm regards;-

Department of Education
Kuki Students' Organisation Churachandpur

**OPINION**

Bimol vs. Biren? A Thought on the Upcoming Lok Sabha Election

It's been more than ten months since N. Biren Singh's government launched the state-sponsored ethnic cleansing campaign against the minority Kuki-Zo tribals on May 3, 2023. Yet, there is no respite as violence continues unabated. Even though gunfights between the two warring ethnic groups have subsided a little in the last few weeks thanks to the central forces reigning in the Meitei terrorists, including the Arambai Tenggols and the UNLF (Pambei faction) in the valley, tension continues to simmer.

However, though the ethnic war shows no sign of ending soon, the election mood began to appear in some corners of Imphal. Despite various Meitei pressure groups demanding to first end the current violence before initiating the process for elections, intending candidates and their workers have begun the groundwork. In fact, a few names have emerged on social media as probable candidates for the upcoming Lok Sabha election.

As in the valley, the Naga areas in the hills have begun to feel the wind of democracy's biggest festival from Ashoka Road with a few names emerging as intending candidates. Among the notable ones are Dr. S. Lorho Pfoze, the sitting MP, and Alfred Kangam Arthur, former MLA from Ukhrul AC. Whereas Dr. Lorho is an intending candidate of NPF, Alfred was proposed by MPCC (Congress) to the AICC.

However, unlike other years, the Kuki-Zo are forced to remain cautious due to the current ethnic violence as Biren and his cohort may do anything to sabotage any plan made by them. The Kuki Inpi Manipur, the apex body of the Kukis, recently resolved that a committee will study the current situation and decide what is best for the Kukis. This is necessary as the minority Kuki tribals are under severe existential threats from the dominant Meitei community and its government in Imphal.

As far as the Outer Manipur Parliamentary Constituency, which consists of all the 20 (twenty) Assembly Constituencies in the hills and 8 (eight) in the valley is concerned, it is unlikely that the Kukis and Nagas will have a fierce fight as in the previous Lok Sabha elections. Rather, they are likely to come together for a consensus candidate as both are facing similar threats from the dominant community. Alternatively, the Kukis and Nagas may go for a friendly contest if an election between candidates belonging to the two ethnic communities ever happens.

As such, what is interesting is how the election in the Inner Manipur Parliamentary Constituency

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will unfold. So far, there is no official candidate, but as per newspaper reports from Imphal, four names have been submitted by the state Congress (MPCC) to AICC. The names include the notorious Meitei Professor from JNU, Dr. A. Bimol Akoijam, who has been actively defending the position of the Meiteis since the current ethnic violence began in May last. On some occasions, he went too far in trying to save his community's image that he ended up defending even the brutal beheading of David Thiek Hmar and one-sided reports made by media houses in Imphal which are owned by the Meiteis. In one of his speeches at Panjab University, he boldly said, "The media in Imphal being biased is understandable", but added that "it is not acceptable." He even published a self-sponsored research report titled "National Media and Manipur Mayhem" through an Imphal-based publisher in January 2024 in his attempt to portray the national media as biased towards the Kukis.

Seeing such a pseudo-academic filled with a communal mindset as a candidate of the second-largest party in the state will be interesting as his potential rival Mr. Biren is no less communal. However, the biggest obstacle for Dr. Bimol would be to handle the pressure from Arambai Tengol, a militia created by Mr. Biren and his cohorts, as all the elected Meitei Legislators, including the five Congress MLAs, have bowed in front of them and taken a vow!

The other names proposed by MPCC are Hareshwar Goswami, a senior leader of the party, Tombikanta (Retired IAS), and Advocate Bupendra Meetei. However, these three names are unlikely to make much impact even if they are given tickets by the AICC. So, Dr. Bimol seems to be the best choice for the grand old party.

For the ruling BJP, there is no official news about who should contest, but there are rumors being circulated on social media platforms. So we can only guess how the BJP is likely to fight this Lok Sabha election. First, the BJP is likely to focus on the Inner seat as the Outer seat is likely to see a fierce fight between the NPF (Dr. Lorho) and Congress (Alfred). Interestingly, these two Naga intending candidates are not only well qualified

and popular among their own tribes but also have a strong support base among the Kukis as well.

Whereas Dr. Lorho considers the people of the whole Senapati-Kangpokpi areas as his own, Alfred is highly popular among the educated tribals for his wisdom and intellect. So, the BJP has little chance unless the Kuki-Zo voters decide to put up a candidate of their own.

Under these circumstances, a social media buzz doing the round is that the BJP may ask Mr. Biren to vacate his position and contest the Lok Sabha election. This is quite possible as the party had done successfully in Assam and Tripura to replace those unpopular Chief Ministers. In the case of Mr. Biren vacating his Chair, the party will not only find a strong candidate for the Inner seat but also provide a room for a graceful exit for this communal head of government who can only be compared with his counterpart in the western corner of India 32 years ago. Anyway, some names have already begun to pop up in the corridors of power that be to replace this notorious chief minister.

Looking at the current scenario, replicating Assam and Tripura could be the best option for the ruling party if it thinks of taking some steps to avoid embarrassing itself further. In that case, the current MP, Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh may either be accommodated somewhere else as his absence in the Parliament wouldn't do any harm to the party. In fact, his contribution as the MP and Minister of State (for External Affairs and Education) had done little good to the party and the nation!

For the other intending candidates from Imphal such as Rajkumar Somendro @KAIKU and Maheshwar Thounaojam, the less said the better. Both of them were popular actors in the Manipuri film industry, but these two clowns are unlikely to make any impact as far as the Lok Sabha election is concerned.

THE BUZZ SOCIAL MEDIA



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Even after 10 months, the empty homes of Kukis in Imphal are still targeted daily by Meitei radicals. Has anyone seen media reports on these incidents? I don't think so. If a Kuki home is burned, it seems it doesn't warrant media coverage. It appears only the lives and properties... Show more



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Alexander the Great tried to conquer
The world with swords and spears.
He conquered only about 3.5% of it.
But, he died young from malaria,
And his power vanished like wind.

Napoleon Bonaparte tried to conquer
Europe with muskets and bayonets.
He conquered some lands for a few years.
But, he died and left behind his love, Josephine.
And his power vanished like wind.

Adolf Hitler, who talked about bravery, tried to conquer
The world with machine guns and tanks.
He couldn't even conquer half of Europe,
But, he died by his own hand like a coward.
His power vanished like wind.

However, Jesus Christ tried to conquer
The world, not with swords but with love.
He not only succeeded in conquering,
The whole world but continues to win hearts
And His love and kingdom will last forever.

Biren, who loves power but hates his neighbours
Wants to conquer the whole of Manipur,
Not with love, but through hatred and violence.
He will fail like Alexander, Napoleon and Hitler,
And will surely die lonely with deep regret.

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