

Thingkho Le Malcha

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KSO COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Phaikoh Village, Kamjong District

Managed by
Kuki Students' Organisation
General Headquarters

No. of Students Enrolled: 560



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 20.02.2024



164
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.

KUKI CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE TERMINATION OF SSP NECTAR SANJENBAM OVER ALLEGED THREATS

The Kuki Chiefs' Association (KCA), Tengnoupal District, has vehemently condemned the alleged threatening behavior of Mr. Nectar Sanjenbam, a retired Colonel and current Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) in Manipur.

The KCA expressed deep dismay over the reported incident where Mr. Sanjenbam allegedly threatened a citizen, as outlined in an FIR filed on February 15th, 2024. According to the complaint lodged by H. Thangtinlen Daniel Mate, Mr. Sanjenbam purportedly made menacing remarks via text message, indicating a threat to the individual's life.

It may be recalled that, as per the FIR filed in the office of the Officer-in-Charge, Tengnoupal Police station by H. Thangtinlen Daniel Mate on the 15th February 2024, the above-mentioned Manipur Police Officer of SSP rank called him by a number +91 708505880 on 12th February 2024. Upon not picking up the call, Mr. Nectar texted him as follows: "Am gonna kill you asshole, be very careful of me I have lost my boy I will not spare your, I know you by face, I will not stop hunting you till I die, I swear on Jesus, I will show you wat hell is and wat god Jesus has ensured for you,"

"The KCA, Tengnoupal District would like to raise few pertinent questions- Is this how government agencies carry out their assigned task? Can a public servant employed to protect its citizens, paid with tax payers' money threaten an innocent citizen and get away scot-free? Are the Indian Army personnel given such type of training to act communally and abuse one's power."

"Such demeaning actions by [the] unscrupulous officer [has] tarnished the image and reputation of the entire Army and Police fraternity besides aggravating the already tensed prevailing situation."



In response, the KCA has demanded the immediate termination of Mr. Nectar Sanjenbam from his position and has called for a magisterial inquiry to investigate the matter thoroughly. The association emphasized the importance of upholding ethical standards within government agencies, particularly among law enforcement personnel entrusted with protecting citizens' rights.

Furthermore, the KCA cautioned that failure to address the issue promptly could lead to heightened tensions within the community and urged the government to take swift action to restore trust and accountability.

The Kuki Chiefs' Association has underscored the gravity of the situation, emphasizing the need for swift and decisive action to address the alleged misconduct and uphold the integrity of public service.

MEITEI WOMEN SEIZE VEHICLE TRANSPORTING GOODS FROM KUKI AREAS TO IMPHAL

Meitei women on Tuesday seized a vehicle transporting products from Kuki areas into Imphal. The products were reportedly seized from the possession of Meitei Pangals and Meiteis along bazar areas in Imphal.

The womenfolk informed that they came across a video on social media showing that the products were loaded in the vehicle after which they had been in action since early morning of Tuesday to seize the vehicle and the product.

Briefing the media in Imphal, one of the Meitei women said that a few of the Meitei civil voluntary organisations had earlier imposed a ban on selling of products from Kuki areas in Meitei areas and a ban was publicised through media.

Despite the ban being imposed, some individuals have brought in the product from Kuki areas for their personal gains, she added.

Claiming that the Kukis have acted against the interest of indigenous communities of Manipur, the Meitei lady also requested the 'indigenous communities' to stand together against the Kukis.

This incident is a clear example of how the Meiteis have been and are trying to control the other communities in Manipur to live under their control. The Kukis have spoken up and reacted bravely against the interest of the Meiteis and hence the prevailing situation is the outcome with the Meiteis giving different tags to the Kukis from illegal immigrants, poppy cultivators, militants, anti-Hindu etc to get attention from the rest of the world.

Should other communities live under the dictates/rule of the Meitei? How long will they be able to bear the dictates of the Meitei? Who are the Meiteis to stop or impose a ban on other communities importing products from the Kuki areas in the valley?

Apart from the Meiteis, there are other communities who have been living in the valley since the past. They also have their own lives, source of livelihood, different business and families to feed.



If other communities have no enmity with the Kukis, why should the Meiteis drag in other communities in the conflict for their vested interest? Will the Meitei civil voluntary organisations also declare war against any other communities who speak against the interest of the Meitei community?

The Meiteis have been playing the divide and rule policy of the British in Manipur. In the past, whenever the Indo-Naga framework issue arose, the Meiteis would organise other minor communities like the Kukis and Meitei Pangal to stand together with the Meiteis to oppose the Indo-Naga framework.

In the same manner, the Meiteis have been trying to drag in other communities such as the Meitei Pangals and Nagas to stand against the Kukis in the present conflict in Manipur. The Meiteis including the chief minister Biren himself have also tried hard to popularise the Meitei-Tangkhul brotherhood theory in the present conflict. However, the Tangkhuls have denied it and they have clarified that the brotherhood theory is based only in one particular Tangkhul village and not the tribe as a whole.

YET ANOTHER MOB AGITATION IN VIOLENCE-HIT IMPHAL VALLEY: 6 INJURED

Manipur witnessed yet another incident of mob agitation on Tuesday in the capital Imphal. Intense scuffle broke out at Cheirap Court complex in Uripok in the afternoon over judicial remand of 6 accused persons in connection with the recent arms looting case at 5th IRB camp in Chingarel, Imphal East District on February 13. At least 6 people including one media person sustained injuries in security measures taken to control the agitating mob.

A huge mob including family members and women folk stormed the court complex around 1 pm as 6 arrested persons in connection with the arms loot case were being produced before Special Judge NIA, Imphal East at the court complex. The agitators claimed that the arrested persons are innocent and demanded their unconditional release.

Allegations levelled against the 6 accused say they were part of a mob that looted arms and ammunitions -- 317 arms and 21,894 ammunitions. The Ld. Spl. PP submitted that the accused persons are needed to be remanded into Judicial Custody for further investigation on the grounds that they are fully involved in the unlawful assembly resulting in the looting of arms and ammunition mentioned above. The 6 accused persons were remanded into Judicial Custody for smooth investigation of the case till March 5. The court also treated the bail applications filed by the accused persons as regular bail applications and fixed February 28 for bail objection and hearing.

Protestors upon learning about the court's order became violent. As the accused persons were being transported in the police vehicles, intense scuffle



broke out between agitators and security forces including RAF personnel who resorted to firing mock bombs, tear gas shells and even used electric shock batons to disperse the agitators. Womenfolk of Khwairamband Keithei have called cease work strike starting Wednesday until the unconditional release of the 6 accused.

Meanwhile, members of All Manipur Bar Association, AMBA condemned that security forces used 'excessive measures' inside the court complex. Advocate B. Supriya opined that adequate security measures should have been taken by the relevant authorities considering that the case is a sensitive one. She said, police could have produced the accused persons via video conferencing. She condemned that the court complex was defiled and asked who gave the permission to fire mock bombs inside the court complex.

Source: Ukhrul Times



Resistance isn't enough. If we want change, we have to get out the vote.

– DaShanne Stokes

MOBILE INTERNET BAN EXTENDED IN CHURACHANDPUR FOR ANOTHER 5 DAYS

The Manipur government has extended mobile internet ban for another five days till February 26 in the whole revenue jurisdiction of Churachandpur district, officials said on Tuesday.

Dr. Vineet Joshi, Chief Secretary Government of Manipur issued an order stating the continued prohibition of mobile internet services across the entire district, citing prevailing law and order situation in the district.

“The State Government, after reviewing the prevailing law and order situation in Churachandpur District, decided to continue suspension of internet service, mobile data services and internet/data services through VPN in the whole revenue jurisdiction of Churachandpur District,” the notification said. Mobile internet was banned in the district after violence broke out on February 15

MIZORAM CM LALDUHOMA PAYS TRIBUTE AT ASSAM RIFLES MEMORIAL ON STATEHOOD DAY

Mizoram celebrated its 37th Statehood Day today, with Chief Minister Pu Lalduhoma paid heartfelt tributes to the fallen heroes at the Assam Rifles War Memorial in Aizawl.

As part of the Mizoram State Day observance organized by 2 AR (Assam Rifles), Chief Minister Pu Lalduhoma, accompanied by esteemed officials, participated in a solemn ceremony at the war memorial. The ceremony included the laying of wreaths to pay homage to the brave individuals who sacrificed their lives.

The Assam Rifles War Memorial holds significance as a site to remember and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for the nation. On this special day, the Chief Minister’s participation symbolizes the state’s gratitude and respect for the fallen heroes.

The Mizoram Statehood Day celebration serves as a moment of reflection on the state’s journey since attaining statehood 37 years ago. The events held at the war memorial not only pay tribute to the past but



also underscore the unity and resilience of Mizoram in the face of challenges.

As the state commemorates this significant milestone, the involvement of Chief Minister Pu Lalduhoma and other dignitaries in honoring the fallen heroes emphasizes the importance of remembrance and gratitude within Mizoram’s collective consciousness.

Source: [India Today NE](#)

19 ASSAM RIFLES DISTRIBUTES EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES IN L. HENGJOL COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE

In a bid to support students amidst challenging circumstances, the 19 Assam Rifles Battalion organized a significant distribution function today at the L. Hengjol Community Education Centre in Kangpokpi district.

Led by Col. Karan Sandhu, Comandant, 19 Assam Rifles, the event saw the distribution of more than 250 sets of textbooks spanning from Class 1 to X, alongside the provision of two computer sets with printers.

Acknowledging the hurdles faced by students, Col. Sandhu stressed the importance of access to educational resources, stating, "It is our responsibility to empower young minds and enable them to reach new heights of potential."

The distribution function garnered widespread participation from various stakeholders, including the Kuki Inpi South West Sadar Hills, KSO Moltam Block, Kuki Women Union, village chiefs, villagers, and students.

Lalboi Haokip, President of KSO Moltam Block, expressed heartfelt gratitude to 19 Assam Rifles, noting that their support has made an indelible mark on the community's educational landscape.

The event concluded on a note of solidarity and appreciation, with attendees rallying behind the slogan, "Long live 19 Assam Rifles, Long live Indian Army." As the distributed educational materials find their way into the hands of eager learners, the initiative promises to leave a lasting legacy of empowerment and educational advancement in the region.

It's worth mentioning that the Community Education Centre was established by various Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in Moltam Block to address the educational requirements of students following ethnic unrest that rendered many institutions inoperative.



The education sector has particularly suffered due to the prolonged conflict. Consequently, KSOs in different districts have established community schools or centers to ensure ongoing education for students affected by war. KSO Churachandpur, KSO Sangaikot, and KSO Gunpi Block have similarly established community education centers in their respective regions.

PM MODI VIRTUALLY INAUGURATES JNV KANGPOKPI BUILDING



February 20, 2024 marked the most auspicious and historic day for the people of Sadar Hills Kangpokpi district in the education sector when Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the permanent site-building of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) Senapati-II Kangpokpi in the presence of Dr. Lorho S Pfoze, MP Outer Manipur who attended the physical inauguration ceremony as Chief Guest and Haokholet Kipgen, MLA Saitu AC, and Mahesh Chaudhari, IAS, Deputy Comissioner Kangpokpi.

Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) Senapati-II Kangpokpi building was among the 13 new Navodaya Vidyalayas buildings across the country the Prime Minister had virtually inaugurated today.

Apart from the school Principal to the teaching and non-teaching staff, the CSO's leaders, village chiefs, parents, and guardians, Dr. Lorho S Pfoze, MP Outer Manipur who attended the physical inauguration as Chief Guest eminently lauded Minister Nemcha Kipgen, the master brain behind the setting up of JNV Senapati-II Kangpokpi during the inaugural event.

The JNV Senapati-II Kangpokpi is now located at its permanent site at Kholjang village under Kangpokpi Assembly Constituency where the Prime Minister had virtually inaugurated its building considered the best among the JNVs in Manipur and North East.

Following the virtual inauguration by the Prime Minister,



Dr. Lorho S Pfoze unveiled the monolith after cutting the ribbon to mark the physical inauguration of the JNV Senapati-II Kangpokpi building.

Cultural dance and song from Vidyalaya students, and a screening of the virtual inauguration by Prime Minister Narendra Modi marked the occasion while Pastor Paogoulen Sitlhou, Superintendent Pastor of Thadou Baptist Association India performed the physical dedication of the Vidyalaya.

It is worth mentioning that in a significant step towards upgrading and developing education and skilling infrastructure across the country, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of several projects worth about Rs 13,375 crore apart from inaugurating 20 new buildings for Kendriya Vidyalaya (KVs) and 13 new Navodaya Vidyalayas (NVs) buildings across the nation.



OPINION

“Sharing is Caring”: Fighting a Must-Win Battle on the Education Front

1 When we were school-going kids in the 1990s, we used to borrow and share whatever we had including books and pens. Many of us couldn’t afford to buy new ones every year, and had to depend on our seniors for textbooks. The kind of economic condition we were in and how much our parents struggled to manage a square meal a day was something we can only imagine in today’s world. Such “sharing is caring” attitude we had 20-30 years ago gradually appears to have slowly disappeared in the last one decade or so as our society grew financially. Students now tend to focus on sharing birthday cakes and restaurants’ menus rather than books and pencils. Moreover, the idea of using used-books had almost become a thing of the past until the current ethnic violence broke out on May 3, 2023.

2 Now that we are in a war-like situation where even textbooks are barred from entering our areas, we can only think of reviving our traditional value Khankho at least in the field of education. Since the radicalised section within the majority community is hell-bent on blocking everything meant for the Kuki-Zo districts, we can only grow together intellectually by sharing whatever we have. The same concern must also apply among job aspirants since they are no longer able to buy new books and study materials. Whatever self-centric mentalities one has, which is good for oneself

alone, must be exterminated from within, and a new academic atmosphere characterised by “happiness in sharing” must be promoted. Nobody loses anything but learns more by sharing the knowledge they earned. Also the habit of throwing away used-books and other educational materials which can still be re-used must be discarded.

3 In our biggest town Lamka, it is encouraging to see a good number of libraries, coaching centres, and study rooms, which are not lesser in quality than those of metro cities like New Delhi. Similar facilities are also seen emerging in Motbung, Kanggui and Saikul as well. Such services catering to the needs of the students and job aspirants should be encouraged in all our towns and villages. Moreover, all these coaching centres and libraries must support each other for the sake of our young students, and shouldn’t focus on profit alone.

4 In the midst of violence and lawlessness, it is also heartening to see the emergence of a number of KSO community schools basically to look after the educational needs of the displaced students on whom the government had turned

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its back. This reminds us of the war-torn Vietnam in the 1970s where the Vietnamese refused to give-up on the education of their kids even if they were to dig underneath trenches and tunnels for the purpose. The KSO and all their support staff deserve our moral support and encouragement for this ingenious initiative!

5 There are also a number of private institutions offering heavy discounts, or even free scholarships, for displaced students and wards of the brave volunteers. Some villages and towns having government schools are also investing extra time and energy to look after the academic needs of the increasing numbers of students. One such school worth mentioning is Tuibong Govt. High School where the teachers and staff had to work beyond the call of duty to provide basic education to the students who are mostly from displaced families.

6 Nights in the last five days have always been busy for youth clubs of all the Vengs[localities] and villages in Lamka. This was inevitable not only due to the unfortunate “The Wall of Remembrance Massacre” on February 15, but also for the students appearing COHSEM Examination from February 21. Now, as the Matriculate Examination under BOSEM is also approaching, it would be wise to maintain the kind of vigilance youth clubs maintain till date to avoid any unforeseen situation that may disturb the education atmosphere during exams.

7 And for you all, young students on whom the fate of our future lies, here’s some take-home pieces of advice for your exams:

(i) Always remember we are fighting a must-win battle not only in the frontlines but also on the education front. Whatever you learn today in schools and write in the exam hall, all matters to win this war.

(ii) Don’t forget to take enough rest (7-8 hours of sleep); take light and healthy food, and avoid both heavy food and hunger; revise your notes and key points instead of reading too much during exams; if you feel too excited/nervous on the first day, remember it is natural...take a deep breath and relax, and tell yourself “all is well”; reach the exam centre 30 minutes ahead of the scheduled time to relax; check all your items including admit card, pens, water bottle, wrist-watch, etc. before going for the exam; attempt as many questions as possible, and remember you can only get points for answering and not for leaving the pages blank (PS: marks wouldn’t be deducted for wrong or bad answers!); be clear, objective and precise in answering, but arrange your sentences according to the nature of the questions; organise your time-schedule in such a way that you will be left with 10-15 minutes for [re]checking after you finish writing your exams, and don’t forget to check your answer-scripts before leaving; and when you come out of the exam hall, and reach the main road, avoid walking/driving with too much thought on the exam until you reach home.

(iii) Always put God ahead of anything else. Do not forget to meditate with your favourite verse and pray before and after the exams.

8 Before winding up, we pay our highest respect to all the brave warriors on the education front who work day-and-night for the sake of the students’ community. We would also like to wish all the council/board exams appearing students the very best. It is our humble prayer that you will all come out with flying colours and make us proud!

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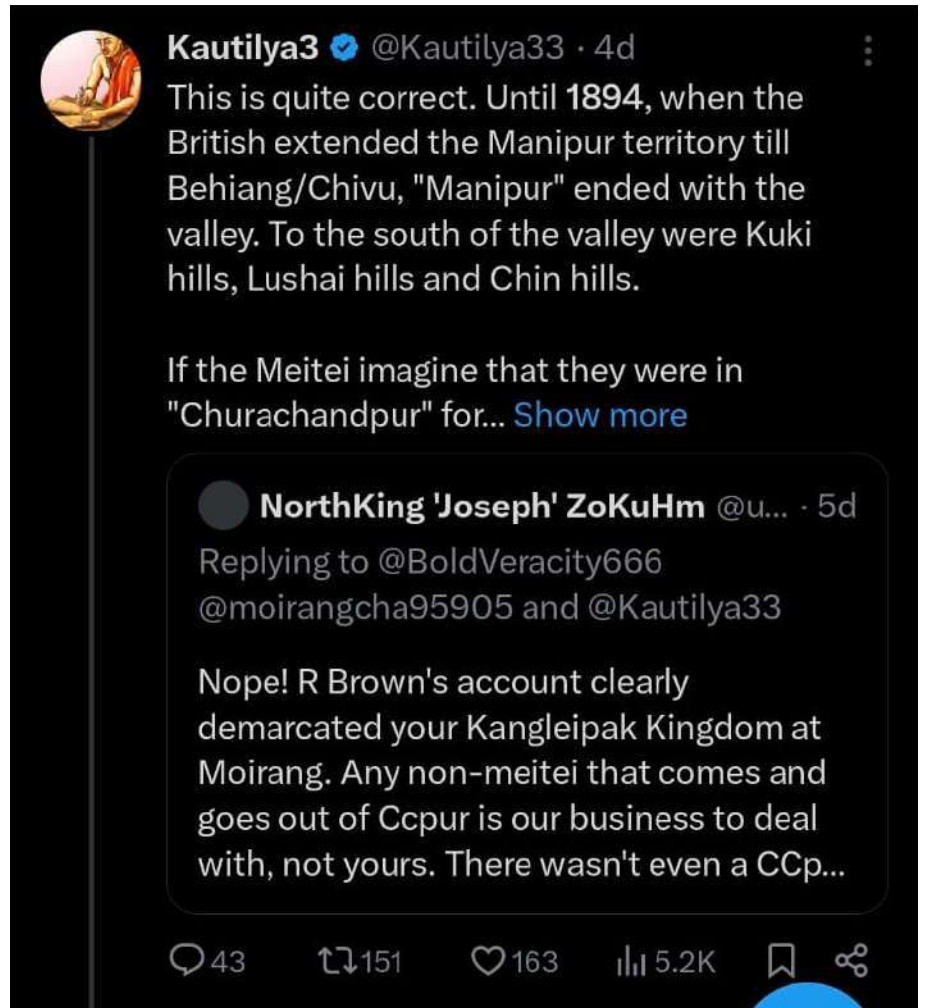


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In Manipur, when women were paraded naked NCW chief @sharmarekha was silent. When women wrestlers were protesting against @b_bhushansharan, where was she?

Yes, there should be an investigation in the #Sandeshkali case, but selective outrage by hypocritical woman has to be called out!



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LEFT TO EXPLODE





An Unsung Hero



And, if I may die;
I want to die a warrior's death.
A gentleman's death.
A man who died fighting to protect his people,
A man who died defending his dignity,
A true son of the soil!
A true definition of who a Tah Chapa is
An unsung hero!

And, if I may live;
May I rather live with dignity,
May I live as a man who protects his people,
May I live as a man who defends his land,
May I live as a man who gives everything for his people,
May I live as a man with integrity.
May I live as a true Tah Chapa;
A true son of the soil!

-Pupu_Paocha