

Thingkho *Le* Malcha

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**HMINGTHANGLIEN PULAMTE
KUM 44**



AWAITING JUSTICE



HMINGTHANGLIEN PULAMTE (44 YEARS)

S/O AIKHUM PULAMTE

ADDRESS: RENGKAI, LAMKA

DATE OF DEATH: 3RD MAY, 2023

PLACE OF DEATH: LAMLAI, IMPHAL

CAUSE OF DEATH: KILLED BY RADICAL MEITEI MILITANTS



KUKI VICTIMS' UPDATE

As on 23.04.2024



176
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.

SECURITY MEASURES TIGHTENED FOR RE-POLL IN MANIPUR TOMORROW

Adequate security measures have been taken up for free and fair re-poll in six polling stations in three assembly segments of two districts (Ukhrul and Senapati) for Outer Manipur Parliamentary Constituency reserved for scheduled tribes in Manipur on April 30.

Six CRPF companies assisted by over 400 state forces have been pressed into service for smooth polling with hours of poll from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Tuesday, officials said on Monday.

Re-poll has been necessitated due to large-scale booth rigging and violence during the polls on Friday in these polling stations.

Meanwhile, the Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) has submitted a formal request to the Chief Electoral Officer of Manipur, urging for enhanced security measures in six hyper-sensitive polling stations. MPCC urged the Election Commission for the deployment of adequate Central Para Military Forces and the appointment of Executive Magistrates at each polling station to ensure prompt intervention in case of disruptions.

Additionally, the MPCC emphasized the necessity of installing CCTV cameras and ensuring video coverage to maintain transparency and accountability in the electoral process.

In light of the upcoming re-poll scheduled for April 30, the Manipur government directed private enterprises and industrial centres to declare a paid holiday for



their employees residing in the aforementioned six polling stations.

The government has also declared a public holiday for those banks, financial institutions and LIC officials posted in the aforesaid polling stations.

A total of four contestants of INC, NPF, and two independents are in the electoral fray to the elections in the Outer Manipur PC seat.

The re-polling will take place in:

1. 44-Ukhrul (ST) 44/20-Shangshak A
2. 44/36-Ukhrul (A)
3. 44/41-Ukhrul (D-1)
4. 44/50-Ukhrul (F)
5. 45-Chingai (ST) 45/14-Chingai
6. 47-Karong (ST) 47/33-Oinam (A1)

SC TRANSFERS TRIAL AGAINST KUKI REBEL LEADERS FROM MANIPUR TO ASSAM

The Supreme Court, on Monday (April 29), decided to shift the trial of an arms theft case involving the Kuki Revolutionary Army (KRA) chief David Hangshing and the United Kuki Liberation Front (UKLF) leader Lhunkhoson Haokip from Manipur to Assam.

A bench comprising Justices Abhay S Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan directed the transfer of the 2018 case, currently pending in Manipur, to a special NIA court in Guwahati, Assam.

Earlier, on April 22, the Supreme Court had indicated its intent to move the case out of Manipur and instructed additional solicitor general Vikramjeet Banerjee to propose a suitable venue for the trial outside the state.

In compliance with this directive, the ASG suggested Guwahati in Assam, as a feasible alternative. However, he clarified that this suggestion shouldn't be construed as a concession.

Consequently, the Supreme Court ordered the transfer of the case to the special NIA court in Guwahati, Assam. It directed all parties involved to appear before the special court in Guwahati, Assam on the morning of June 3, 2024.

In 2018, a theft of 56 pistols and 58 magazines occurred

at the Director General Pool Armory within the premises of the 2nd Manipur Rifles Battalion.

The prosecution alleged that the stolen firearms were sold to certain separatist groups, with the petitioners allegedly involved in a conspiracy to sell the weapons.

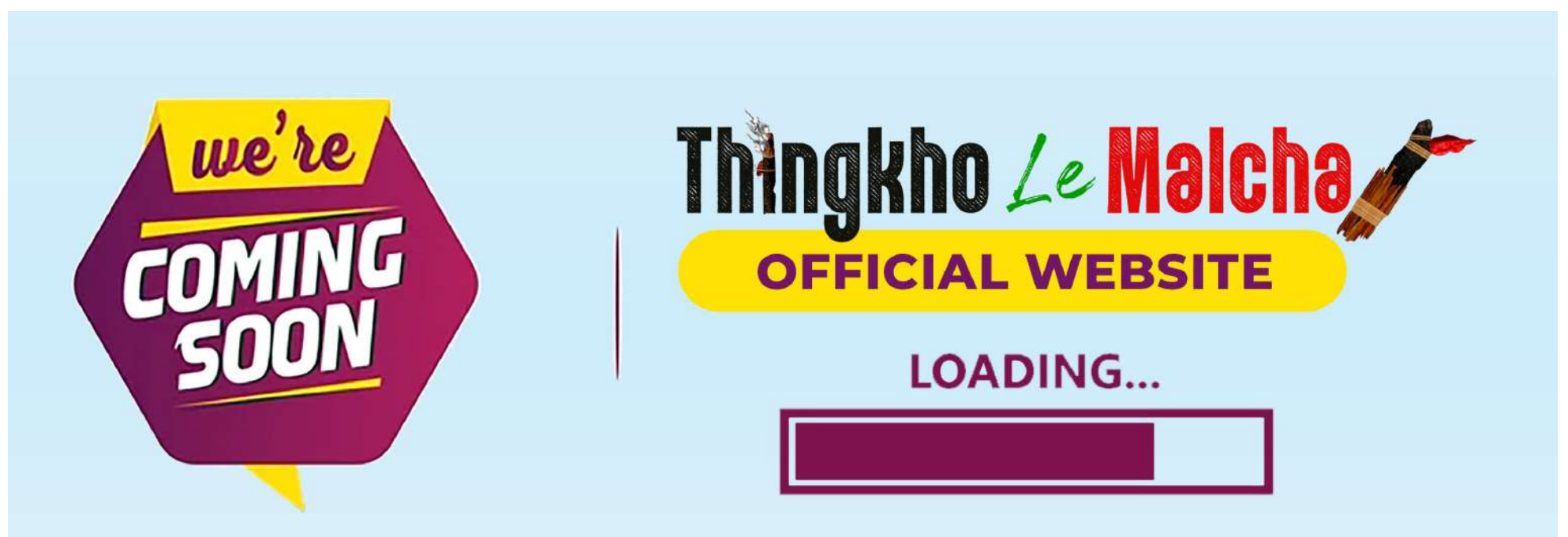
The petitioners are accused of receiving some of the stolen firearms from Manipur BJP MLA Yamthong Haokip.

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) registered a case against the petitioners under Sections 120B/409 IPC and Section 20 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

Subsequently, charges were framed under IPC, UAPA, and the Arms Act.

Although the petitioners are currently out on bail, they sought the transfer of the case outside Manipur due to concerns about their safety and security following ethnic violence in the state.

Notably in November 2023, while considering their transfer plea, the Supreme Court stayed the trial against the petitioners.



MEITEI GOLD SMUGGLER ARRESTED IN IMPHAL; VALLEY MEDIA AVOIDS NAMING OF CULPRITS, MEITEI CM REMAINS SILENT ON THE MATTER

As per valley media reports, the officers of Anti-Smuggling Unit, Customs Division, Imphal, have recovered and seized gold valued at about Rs 70,31,601 from Imphal International Airport on Sunday around 1:52 PM.

Acting on a specific information, the officers of Anti-Smuggling Unit, Customs Division, Imphal and Air Intelligence Unit, Customs Division, Imphal along with CISF personnel stationed at Imphal International Airport, Imphal, detained one person along with one packet containing gold paste.

The accused was then taken to Customs Division, Imphal, for further legal procedures. The Customs officers on thorough checking recovered another two oval shaped packets of suspected gold of foreign origin in paste form, each wrapped with rubber sheath concealed in the rectum of the accused.

The recovered gold pastes weighing 972.28 grams in total with an estimated worth of around Rs. 70,31,601 was seized at the Customs Divisional Office, Imphal.

A case has been registered under the Customs Act, 1962 and further investigation is underway, the report added.

In a rare occasion, many of the valley based media houses have avoided reporting the news and a few who reported the incident declined/refused/chose to hide the identity of the culprits.

Besides, Nongthombam Biren Singh who has been a hyper-active character in posting any news related to the arrests of drugs, guns or other illegal substances (especillay if it concerns the Kukis) has been silent on this matter.

The chief minister of Manipur and the valley based media houses have been consistently sharing or uploading



many cases, including identities of culprits, if it involve the Kukis with regard to arrests of any individuals with drugs or anti-social elements.

Till the filing of this report, the identity of the person arrested in connection with the incident has not been made public in the media and the Meitei chief minister had also been silent or refused to highlight the identity of the arrested individual as the culprit belong to the Meitei community.

Why did the chief minister remain silent on the matter? Why did the Meitei media houses refused to mention the name of the culprit? Had the case involved any Kuki individual, the media houses might have made the incident a breaking news and even the chief minister would have posted the details of the criminal on his social media handles, along with his usual communal remarks.

But the ignorance of the chief minister and the incomplete news report filed by the valley based media indicated that the culprit belong to the Meitei community.

CASE REGISTERED AFTER DOCTORED AMIT SHAH VIDEO ON RESERVATION GOES VIRAL

The Delhi Police on Sunday registered a case over a doctored video circulating on social media platforms showing Union Home Minister Amit Shah advocating for the abolition of reservation quotas for Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), and Other Backward Classes (OBCs). The video, which has sparked controversy and allegations of misinformation, has prompted the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to file a complaint seeking action against those responsible for it.

In response to concerns raised by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) regarding the authenticity of the video, the Delhi Police registered a First Information Report (FIR) on Sunday. The BJP has denounced the video by saying that it has been manipulated to distort Mr Shah's original statements made during a political rally.

According to BJP spokesperson Amit Malviya, the video in question has been altered to misrepresent Mr Shah's remarks on the issue of reservation quotas for Muslims in Telangana.

"Congress is spreading an edited video which is completely fake and has the potential to cause large-scale violence. Home Minister Amit Shah spoke about removing the unconstitutional reservation given to Muslims, on the basis of religion, after reducing the share of SCs/STs and OBCs. This fake video has been posted by several Congress spokespersons. They must be prepared for legal consequences," Mr Malviya said on Saturday.



The controversy surrounding the video escalated as various social media handles, including official accounts affiliated with the Congress, shared the doctored footage, alleging that it revealed the BJP's "agenda to abolish SC/ST reservation quotas". These claims have drawn sharp criticism from BJP leaders, who accuse the Congress of disseminating false information with the potential to incite social discord.

The MHA has attached a comprehensive report to its complaint, identifying the links and handles responsible for sharing the doctored video of the Home Minister.

With the FIR now registered, the Intelligence Fusion and Strategic Operations (IFSO) Unit of the Delhi Police Special Cell has begun its investigation into the origins of the fabricated video.



The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any.

– Alice Walker

**OPINION**

Is Destroying of Bunkers in Kuki Areas Justifiable Amidst Civil War?

Following the deadly attack by suspected Meitei insurgent groups that claimed the lives of two Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel in Manipur's Naransena, a joint operation conducted by a joint team of central and state forces has resulted in the destruction of bunkers of the Kuki village volunteers at Khoirentak area and the recovery of arms cache.

A joint team of security forces conducted a counter-insurgency operation (CIO) in the vicinity of Khoirentak area dominated by Kukis on Saturday morning.

It was reported that the operation, which began around 8:00 AM, led to the destruction of four bunkers and the seizure of four sophisticated weapons, four explosives (including hand grenades), 145 rounds of live ammunition, 197 empty bullet casings, 32 projectiles, a black walkie-talkie, and two Chinese hand grenades.

The Manipur Police's bomb disposal squad safely detonated the explosives.

The CRPF camp in Naransena came under a barrage of attacks late Friday night, lasting from midnight until 2:15 AM on Saturday. Two CRPF personnel, including Sub-Inspector N. Sarkar (55) from Kokrajhar, Assam, were killed while two others sustained injuries in the assault.

After reports of attack on Central Security Forces, the Imphal based media houses were quick to jump to the

conclusion that the attack was carried out by "Kuki militants". There have been several misleading reports, even in mainstream media houses, that the attack was carried out by "Kuki militants", leading to the destruction of village volunteers' bunkers in Kuki areas, about 4 KM away from Naransena, Bishnupur district.

However, the misleading reports by several media houses have been debunked by Kuki Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) including the Kuki Inpi, Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) and Committee On Tribal Unity (CoTU). Notably, several news outlets have rectified their mistake.

The Central Security Forces must have been adequately aware that "Kuki Militants" never attacked the Indian Army or CAPF since the signing of the SoO agreement with the Government of India. In contrast, many Indian soldiers have lost their lives in several deadly attacks carried out by Valley Based Insurgent Groups (VBIGs), the proscribed Meitei outfits. Such baseless accusations leveled against the Kukis is nothing but an effort to portray the Kukis as 'Anti-National' in the eyes of the central government. The Security Advisor Mr. Kuldiep Singh also did not mention any word about Kukis attacking central forces. It is strongly believed that various Intelligence agencies operating in the

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state would feed the factual information to Delhi.

During these 12 months of violence, the Kukis respected and regarded the central forces who are guarding the frontline areas. It is, however, the Meitei armed radical groups and their VBIGs who came into violent confrontation with central forces on various occasion.

Despite all this, it is astonishing to learn that Bunkers set up to provide protection from incessant Meitei attacks, such as bombings, artillery shelling and gunfire have been destroyed by the Central Forces in the aftermath of the attack.

Amidst the high scale violence and incessant attacks from the Meitei community, serious questions thus arised. Is destroying of Kuki village volunteer's bunkers justifiable? Who would then bear the responsibility if any fatalities occur to the Kukis due to the absence of

any protective structure?

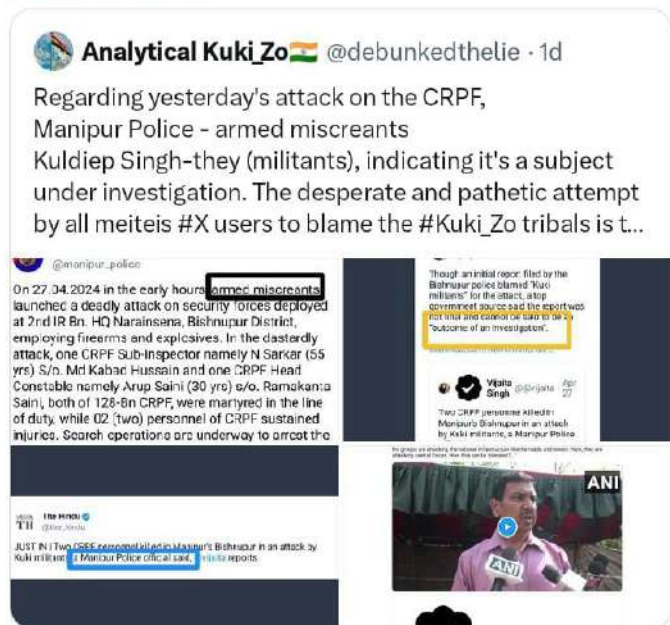
Whenever any firing incident happened in buffer zone areas, the first and foremost duty of the Meiteis and their bias media houses is to lay blame on the Kukis without any supporting evidences.

The central forces have also fallen prey to the deceptive tactics of the Meitei government, blaming Kuki militants in the Naransena incident, leading to mindless destroying of bunkers of village volunteers'.

The central security forces should bear in mind that the Kukis' lives and properties are also as valuable as that of their fellow citizens of the country, and they should protect them from the constant threats of the communal Meitei radical armed groups including the Meitei extremists.



The evidence is indisputable, yet the propaganda persists, trying to twist the narrative. But anyone with a brain and functioning senses can see through these baseless allegations. Let's not overlook the blatant #HumanRightsViolations in #Manipur against #Kuki #Election2024



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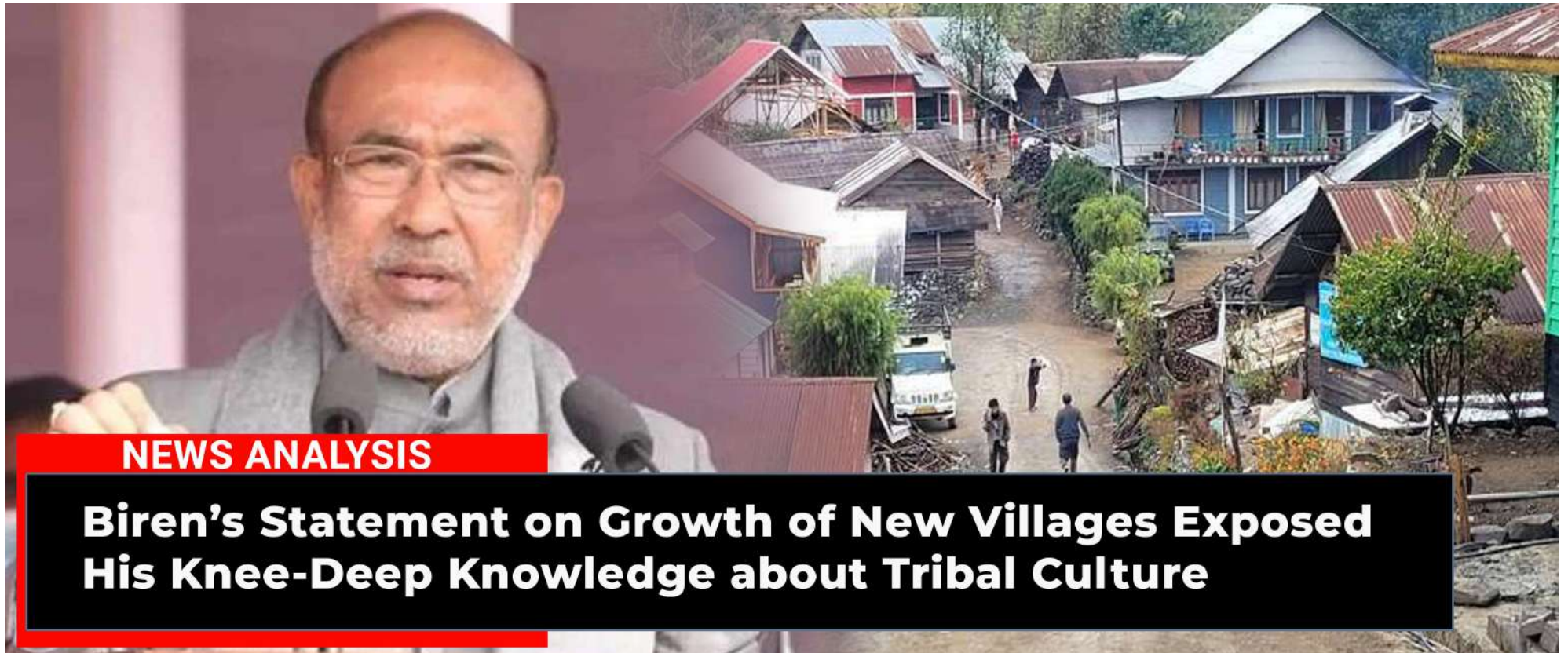
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**NEWS ANALYSIS****Biren's Statement on Growth of New Villages Exposed His Knee-Deep Knowledge about Tribal Culture**

The recent statement by communal chief minister of Manipur N. Biren Singh about the unnatural growth of new villages in Manipur exposed his shallow knowledge of tribal culture and their village administration system.

Crime Minister N Biren Singh issued a warning on April 29, highlighting the alarming proliferation of 996 new villages attributed to illegal immigration. In a post on the microblogging site X, Singh highlighted the severe threat posed by this phenomenon to both indigenous communities and national security.

Singh's post allegedly addressed a pressing issue that has been plaguing Manipur, and indeed the nation at large, for years. "Since 2006, there has been a surge in the establishment of new villages across Manipur, largely fueled by an unchecked influx of illegal immigrants from the neighboring Myanmar. This influx has not only altered the demographic landscape but has also resulted in the rampant destruction of forest cover, primarily to make way for settlements and illicit activities such as poppy plantations. Furthermore, the encroachment by these illegal immigrants on resources, job opportunities, land, and the rights of indigenous populations has exacerbated tensions within the region", Biren alleged.

However, the statement of the chief minister only explained his shallow knowledge about the village holding system of the Kuki tribal group. Even as

climbing to the top of Manipur administration, he has very little knowledge on the land and its people. Though new numbers of villages have been set up in Kuki areas, the demographic growth remains unchanged. The rise in new villages can be attributed to many factors such as Urbanization, Chieftainship System, and Better prospect for development in the Educational field and other progressive issues.

With the increase in importance of education; many people from rural areas flocked to hill-towns such as Churachandpur, Kangpokpi and Saikul etc., from far flung remote hill areas of the districts. This has also led to developing urbanization which further led to the establishment of new villages in and around a particular town settlement. Education is the main factor for migration of people from villages to town areas. People flocked to town areas to avail better educational facilities.

According to the Kuki customary law, the Chief of a certain village has the authority or rights to set up new villages for his siblings in the jurisdiction of the Chiefs' ancestral homeland. This has led to the mushrooming of new villages in Kuki areas, purely due to the growth of urbanisation. This has nothing to do with illegal immigration. The Kuki

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tradition and customary laws permit the establishment of new villages in accordance with the norms practiced by the tribal group since time immemorial. The new villages were set up with the permission granted by the chiefs who are the sole guardians of the clans and family lineages.

There might be a growth of new villages in town areas, but the Kuki population however remains the same. As per the official census data of 2011, the Kuki population did not reveal an abnormal growth; but rather, the growth rate of other communities seemed to be higher than that of the Kuki population. Even in the latest official data of electoral rolls in Manipur, the Kuki population followed a normal growth as compared to the Meiteis or Naga communities as a whole.

The Meiteis persistent allegation of abnormal growth in the Kuki population is nothing but a totally false

narrative created out of jealousy and hatred towards the Kuki people. There are no documents to prove the allegation. In fact, the population of Kukis has been declining since the British period.

It is to be noted that the establishment of new villages in Kuki areas aim to facilitate balanced development, improve access to essential services, promote economic opportunities, enhance security, and address the needs of diverse populations within the region.

In the wake of the state-sponsored ethnic cleansing pogrom against the Kukis, the fascist chief minister N. Biren Singh has nothing to place on the table but to constantly change his narratives to suit his desired result so as to escape his responsibility in the devastating violence that has been plaguing the state for the past one year.



**THE
MANIPUR
BLINDNESS**





The Brave Ones

Two lifeless bodies dragged ruthlessly,
Like an animal taken for slaughter.
One, where is his head?
Two, there lies his palm!

Kamlengsat Lunkim, Kamminlal Lupheng:
Two Tahchapas, Two bravehearts.
Your sacrifice is supreme,
Your blood will be avenged.

The head and the heart goes hand in hand,
While I try to put the pieces together.
In the wake of their great demise,
I found that it was core inhumanity!

The Lord above had created them intact,
What can justify their slaughter?
When we all witnessed the barbarism,
I shudder in fear for the judgement that awaits them.

- USB Lungdim