

## Kukis in Manipur observes Black Day demanding justice to victims of NSCN-IM's genocidal mission

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Sept 13:** Kuki communities in the state today observed SAHNIT NI (Black Day) at various places demanding justice to the victims of NSCN-IM's genocidal mission at which nearly 1000s of Kuki people including women and children were slaughtered during 1992 to 1997.

106 victims were felled to silence on the 13th September 1993 at a village in Joupri in Tamenglong District of Manipur. The day is marked as Kuki Black Day or Sahnitni. As per record from the Kuki Inpi Manipur, an apex body of the Kuki civil society organization, as many as 905 Kukis including pregnant women, children, disabled and aged persons were massacred by cadres of NSCN-IM during the year 1992 to 1997, over 1,00,000 kuki villagers were displaced and left as homeless and as many as 360 Kuki villages were uprooted and seized.



As a mark of remembrance to the deadly massacres the Kuki community across the state has been observing the today as Black Day. Main ritual service were held today in Kangpokpi in Sardar Hill district and Tuibong in Churachandpur district among others. The ritual programme at Kangpokpi was organised by

Kuki Inpi Gunhom Lhang in association with Kangpokpi Town Committee, KYU and KWVO under the supervision of Kuki Inpi Sadar Hills and Kuki Inpi Manipur. Paying condolence in front of IB, Kangpokpi to the departed souls and speech on SAHNIT NI (Black Day) and Human Rights by Dr. Satkai Chongloi, Gen. Secy, Kuki Human Rights

Organization (KOHUR) are the highlights of the ritual service held at Kangpokpi.

The ritual programme held at Indoor Stadium Tuibong under the theme "Lest We Forget" was jointly organized by Kuki Inpi Churachandpur and Kuki Students' Organisation Churachandpur. Condolence and speeches on the issues are the main

highlights of the programme. To deliver justice and demanding unveiling of the Truth for the innocent victims of the Ethnic Cleansing, the KUKI INNPI, Manipur the Apex Body of the Kukis in Manipur has submitted over 60 plus memorandums to the successive Government of India, speakers during the observation said.

In today observance too, the Kuki Apex body submitted another memorandum to the Prime Minister of India demanding immediate settlement of the Kuki Genocide (1992- 1997) committed by the NSCN-IM. The memorandum urged the Government of India to hold any final settlement between the Government of India and the NSCN-IM before justice is delivered to the innocent Kuki victims which were massacred by the NSCN-IM. It urged the government to settle the act of criminal by the NSCN-IM before the court of law.

## State BJP prepares grand reception of National President Amit Shah

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Sept 13:** State BJP workers are spending sleepless night preparing a grand reception for National President Amit Shah who is arriving in the state tomorrow. The visit is significant as the BJP is aiming to hold power in the next Manipur Legislative Assembly. The national President of the BJP will be accompanied by Ajay Jambal, NE in charge, Prakash Javedkar, Minister of Human resource, Ram Madhav, National Secretary, Hemanta Bishwas, Union Minister and Prahar Patel, in charge of Manipur. The BJP

leaders are expected to arrive at Imphal Tuliha Airport at 11.15 am tomorrow. Soon after their arrival the National President will hold meeting with state BJP leaders and discuss in depth to plan strategy for the upcoming assembly election. Later the state BJP is planning a public meeting at Pologround Imphal. The National President of BJP, Amit Shah is likely to announce approval of some more newly enroll party member who are sitting MLAs besides giving welcoming Y. Erabot who had quit the post of MLA and joined BJP yesterday.

## Constable aspirants' hunger strike enters 3 days

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Sept 13:** The fast-unto-death protest being underway at Keishampat Leimajam Leikai by candidates who had completed the constable recruitment (Male) DPC for 2013 batch is being left unnoticed by the concerned government authority. 6 candidates began the fast-unto-death protest demanding justice from 10 am of September 10 however, until 3 pm of September 13 no police has come to pick them up which means that the authority is leaving them to die. Normally hunger strikers are picked up and arrested after 48 hours but in their case it is nearing 60 hours and they are left to their own. Of the six candidates which began the fast-unto-death protest 4 had been sent back by the JAC of the constable appeared candidates but two are still continuing and their

health condition is stated to be deteriorating. The JAC of the constable appeared candidates are demanding declaration of the result of the recruitment test completed for 2013 batch by revoking the cancellation of the recruitment DPC. Backed by BJP, the JAC had earlier ensued serious form of agitation by even calling bandh and storming at the Police training Center at Pangei demanding immediate halt of the fresh recruitment for police constables. MLA Joykishan and MLA Bishwajit of BJP who supported the constable appeared candidates and led a protest were even arrested. The candidates also move the matter to the Manipur High Court. However, the hearing is pending to the court after some candidates filed another case against the JAC.

## PM Narendra Modi congratulates Deepa Malik for winning silver

**New Delhi, Sept. 13:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday congratulated Deepa Malik who scripted history by winning a silver medal in shotput at the 2016 Rio Paralympics Games. "Well done Deepa! Your silver at the Paralympics makes the nation very proud. Congratulations," the Prime Minister said in a message here. After bagging the silver on Monday, the excited 45-year-old, who is the oldest in the Indian contingent in Rio to win a medal, said that she wants to use the medal to support women with disabilities in India. Mariyappan Thangavelu won the gold medal in the Men's High Jump T42 category on Friday with fellow Indian Varun Bhati taking bronze in the same event.

## ST Students' body threatens to shut down ZEO office

**IT News**  
**Imphal Sept 13:** Different Schedule Tribe students' organizations threatens to shut down ZEO office and other offices related to education and institute of the hill districts in the state, if the pre-matriculation scholarship for ST students for the year 2015-16 is not distributed within two days. Speaking to media persons at Manipur Press Club, Th Mansanbao, Education Secretary of Leiyangmei Naga Katimee Rongdi Students' Union said that the concern authority have not come up with any positive response to the ST students for better development. There is not a single website that has been launched for applying scholarship for the year 2016-17 for the ST students which is a very serious problem being faced by the students so far, he added. Mansanbao also said that in order to fulfill their needs, the students' body have submitted an ultimatum to Chief Minister, Home Minister,

Chief Secretary, Education Minister as well as Education Director of Manipur today demanding to launch a website to enable online scholarship application and dispatch of their pre-matriculation scholarship for ST students for the year 2015-16 within two days from today. Mansanbao further said that it is not the first time that the ST students are facing problems regarding the scholarship which is a part of their studies for which the government have launch only for them. If the concern authority and department fails to fulfill their demands, all the ZEO offices, education institutes and offices related to Education department will be locked down from the very third day until their demands are met which is their right, he added. The press conference was also attended by Rongmei Students' Organisation Manipur, All Colleges Tribal Students' Union Imphal, Joint Tribal Students' Union, Tribal Students' Unions from different colleges.

## Locals condemned transfer of Doctor

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Sept 13:** Yaingangpokpi Lamjing Nupi Lup condemns the transfer of two doctors from Primary Health Centre (PHC) Yaingangpokpi even while there is lack of doctors at the PHC. Speaking to media persons at Manipur Press Club, K Inaobi Devi, Secretary of Yaingangpokpi Lamjing Nupi Lup said that the PHC of Yaingangpokpi is the only medical centre where almost all patients from Ukhrul, Senapati and IE Districts are being treated. While the centre is lacking in the required number of doctors which each PHC must have, on which ground the concern department issued notice to transfer another two more doctors from the centre itself, she questioned. K Inaobi Devi also said that during the month of August one of the doctors was notified to be transferred from the centre but was prevented from doing so

due to strong pressures from the locals and meira paibis. Unfortunately, on September 5, 2016, medical department issued another notice for transfer of two more doctors which is not acceptable, she added. K Inaobi Devi further said that if the concern department wishes to transfer doctors than they must fill the required posts instead of leaving them vacant. Though two doctors have been notified for transfer from the centre, until and unless other doctors are posted in their stead, the women body will not allow any transfer of doctor from the centre. If their demand is not fulfilled, they will not have any choice than to shut down the PHC at Yaingangpokpi, she added. Currently, only 4 doctors have been looking after the PHC, including the doctors who have been given notice for transfer, while there should be a total of 6 doctors excluding nurses as per medical norms.

## Plantation drive in Khoupum Valley

**PIBDEFENCE**  
**Imphal, Sept. 13:** On 10 Sep 2016, Bishnupur Battalion under Red Shield Division carried out a plantation drive in collaboration with Khoupum area Men's Society. The drive under the theme was carried out with the aim to raise awareness for taking

positive environmental initiatives for protecting nature and the planet Earth. During the event 1200 saplings were planted by the Army troops along the Gaidimjang-Satudai road. People from all age groups attended the function themed, 'Save Our Environment'.

## 8<sup>th</sup> class passed candidates can join Army recruitment rally

**PIBDEFENCE**  
**Imphal, Sept. 13:** Of the 45 days of online registration time allowed for Army Recruitment Rally to be held at Senapati, more than half the period is over. The last date of online application is 30 Sep 2016. ARO Rangapar has now informed that with fresh vacancy of either House Keeper/Mess Keeper likely to be made available for which the educational eligibility criteria is 8<sup>th</sup> pass, all candidates from Manipur who are 8<sup>th</sup> pass and within 23 years age as on 01 Oct 2016 can now apply online for

Tradesman category only. It is once again informed that the screening of candidates will be done strictly on the basis of admit card which will be issued on 01 Oct 2016 and no one will be permitted to participate without admit card. The district administrations are also making special arrangements to transport candidates from far off places to Senapati on all five days of recruitment rally from 16-20 Oct 2016. Further details of the same can be obtained from ARO Rangapar or can be checked on contactNos 8729987931 & 9862877598.

## No school bags, homework for classes I and II: CBSE

**Bhubaneswar, Sept. 13:** The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on Monday asked all its affiliated schools not to assign any homework to students of class I and II and they need not bring school bags to schools. In a circular the CBSE has asked all its affiliated schools to take a series of measures for schools, teachers and parents to reduce the weight of school bags, which have 'adverse' and 'irreversible' effect on health of children. "Young children whose spine is at a crucial stage of growth are the most susceptible ones to hazards such as back pain, muscle pain, shoulder pain,

fatigue and in extreme cases the distortion of spinal cord or shoulders that may most plausibly be attributed to heavy school bags," the circular said. The board has suggested that textbooks for classes I to VIII should be light weighted. Schools should not prescribe too many additional and supplementary textbooks which are at times voluminous, costly and designed in a pedagogically unsound manner. Textbooks and workbooks may not be hard bound, it maintained. Schools may check school bags randomly to ensure the proper weight of school bags. Students should be

encouraged to repack their bags on daily basis and to avoid carrying unnecessary articles, textbooks, workbooks that are not needed. All the tasks related to projects and activities can be done as group activities during the school hours and should not be prescribed as home work as it adds to the weight of the school bag, it added. Principal of Kendriya Vidyalaya-1, AT Mishra said, "In many schools it is already in practice that younger children keep their books in schools and need not carry back home every day. But it is also the duty of parents to repack schoolbags of their

wards every day and take out unnecessary items." It has suggested teachers to use alternative methods of teaching like based on Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) to alleviate the dependence on textbooks and must not penalise students for not bringing books. They may use loose sheets for the workbooks as it reduces the weight of school bag. Schools have also been asked to provide potable drinking water so that children need not carry water bottles as well. Doctors said a large number of children these days are complaining of back and shoulder pain and postural

defects. "Children generally come with neck and shoulder pains complaints after reopening of schools after vacation. They should not be taken lightly and immediately consult physician as it may lead to serious problem like kyphosis or lumbago or slipped disc," said paediatrician Dr S S Mohapatra. Several states like Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Delhi issued specific guidelines to use lighter school bags and revised textbooks to make them slimmer. Many private schools have also switched to smart-classes and educational tablets to replace text books for higher classes.