

Kuki Black day Observance : For 25 years the Kukis are crying for justice

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Kuki Community across the globe today observed "Black Day" commemorating the 1990s mass killing of Kuki by armed militants of National Socialist Council of Nagalim (Issak Muivah) NSCN-IM. As per record, inbetween 1992 to 1997 as many as 1157 Kuki, including women and children were slaughtered, over 360 villages were burnt leaving over lakhs of Kukis refugees in their own land by the armed group NSCN-IM. Commemorating the Killings, September 13 has been observed as "Black day" or "Sahnit Ni" every year by demanding justice for the victims. Today is the 25 years that "Sahnit Ni" is being observed not only in various parts of the state but also across the globe where Kukis resides.



Main observance was held at Tuibong in Churachandpur district in the complex of Kuki Inpi Manipur (KIM) for three days - today being the last day.

The theme for this year's observance is 'Justice to Victims of Kuki Genocide'. A memorial stone for the victims of the Kuki Genocide was also unveiled during the three day observance.

Speaking on today's observance, President of the Kuki National organization (KSO) said the Kuki community have been crying for justice of the victims by bringing the perpetrators of the genocide to book for 25 years.

The governments both at the centre and the state had not only turned a blind eye to the human massacre by Th. Muivah and his band of marauders, but also shunned their ear to the cries of the Kukis for justice for a quarter of century, Haokip said. Th. Muivah led NSCN-Im is presently ensuing in peace deal with the government of India and talks are going around for a final solution to their issue after the signing of the Frame Work Agreement with the government of India.

"Today, by erecting memorial Stones inscribed with the names of the victims of the Tangkhul instigated and NSCN-IM led genocide, we are telling the world and powers that be, that we shall continue to fight for justice to more than 1000 innocent, hapless kuki villagers killed, the people of 350 plus villages uprooted, the innumerable children orphaned, the many mothers widowed by the genocide", PS Haokip said. He further said that KNO is in political dialogue with the central government where they have consistently telling the Government of India that the Kuki will feel safe only when the right to govern by the Kuki is given recognition.

"The KNO is ready to stand with the Kuki people till that right of ours is respected, and no attempt to trample over our land and rights will be tolerated", PS Haokip said adding that they will not hesitate to go back to the Jungle if the rights of the Kukis is not respected and treated with dignity. The 25th Kuki Black Day is also observed at Indo-Myanmar Border Town Moreh. Hill Tribal Council Moreh and Kuki Student

Organization Moreh, Kuki Women Union and Human Right Moreh and Moreh Youth Club Jointly organised the observance.

A silent public rally was staged from Galngam Lentuol Grouns to Forest Gate of Moreh from 7:30am. More than five thousand Kukis took part at the Condolences Rally.

After the rally a mass public meeting was also held at Gammom Lenthol ground.

A two minutes silence was also observed in honour of the victims of NSCN-IM.

Speakers during the observance expressed that the Kuki will continue to observe the black day until the Government of India (GOI) recognises the untold sufferings meted out to the Kukis by the NSCN-IM. "Not only in Manipur and India, the Kukis all over the world is also observing the Kuki Black Day", a speaker said.

On the other hand, the volunteers of the organising committees shut down all traffic along the NH102 and also inside the Town from 6 am to 12 noon today as a mark of solidarity and tribute to the departed souls.

Ringui Village Authority donates 600 acre of land to state Forest Department

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Village authority of Ringui in Ukhrul district has donated 600 acres of land to Forest department for protection of Environment.

Lauding the gesture of the villagers Forest and Environment Minister Th. Shyamkumar appealed the people to protect the forest and environment and also to extend their support to the authority of the Forest department in preserving the nature's gift.

"God created different places and environment but human race exploited it for their own benefit", Shyamkumar said. He said the Forest department is committed to save the environment at different locations of the State and the

department respects the villagers of Ringui who have donated the land for conserving the environment.

The Forest and Environment Minister Th. Shyamkumar said the above statement during an inaugural function of a community hall at Ringui village at Ukhrul district today. Shyamkumar appealed the people to protect the forest and environment and also to extend their support to the authority of the Forest department in preserving the nature's gift.

"Officials of the Forest department is visiting nooks and corners of the State to spread awareness to conserve the environment and combat the climate change which is the biggest threat faced by the

world, but without the support of the villagers it will be a hard task for the official in saving the environment.

The Minister also assured to take up various schemes for the development of the village.

Ringui village is a plastic free village and it has official dumping site. The Forest Minister was impressed to learn it.

As part of the function, a CD containing Ringui Horei song was released and a documentary was also shown to the audience. Land donors were also felicitated at the function.

The function was also attended by officials of Forest and Horticulture & Soil Conservation Departments.



Forest and Environment Minister Th. Shyamkumar at Ringui Village in Ukhrul district

Thoubal district bandh tomorrow

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Bandh called by United Action Committee from Lilong to Wangjing in Thoubal district from September 14 to September 15 has not revoke as of now as no understanding

between the DC of Thoubal District and the committee member. The band is also supported by the affected people of Wanjhing while widening the National Highway 102 as agreement reached between the former Dc and the affected people

is reported to have not been respected by the present DC. The Committee has not been opposing the land acquisition for widening of the National Highway 102 but has been demanding to conduct the eviction without partiality.

Hill district bandh called off

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Total shut down called at Hill district against the constitution of a cabinet sub committee headed by Works minister Th. Bishwajit to look into the functioning of the Autonomous District Council in respect of Senapati, Churachandpur and Tamenlong district has been called off following an order of the governor which revoke the government order dated August 23, 2018. The bandh was called by one ATRPM from 6 am of Sept. 14 till Sept. 15 morning.

RIMS sets to celebrate its 47th Foundation Day

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Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Imphal established in the year 1972, is celebrating its 47th Foundation Day on 14th September, 2018. RIMS, Imphal has significant contributed in the field of medical science by imparting Undergraduate, Post Graduate and other courses, and catering to the health care needs of the country particularly North Eastern Region as a tertiary medical institution. The following course are offered in RIMS Imphal MBBS (100 seats/year), PG course in 23 disciplines (147 seats/year), M.Ch. course (2 seats/year), M.Phil Clinical Psychology course (6 seats/year), B.Sc. Nursing (50 seats/year), B.D.S. (50 seats/year), BASLP (Bachelor of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology



course (10 seats/year). Cardiology, Neurology, and GIS & MAS has upgraded to full-fledged departments in 2018. RIMS, Imphal has catered to 3,95,527 Nos of OPD patients, Casualty - 1,21,236, indoor patients - 42,888, 7,245 (major) & 4,595 (minor) surgical operations and 11,645 deliveries were conducted in the last one year.

A statement by Dr. R.K. Lenin Singh, Chairperson, Publicity Sub-Committee, of the foundation day celebration

said that Smt. Anupriya Patel, Minister of State, Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India inaugurated Digital Payment System in RIMS Hospital on 31st May, 2017. The Ministry of Electronics & IT, Govt. of India has complimented and selected RIMS, Imphal along with AHIMS, New Delhi for interaction with the Minister Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad with persons availing benefits of e-Hospital for easy excess of health facilities. Under this program, Online Registration

System (ORS) facility is available to OPD patients through website www.ors.gov.in.

RIMS, Imphal is also implementing various schemes and programs of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India such as Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakaram and availing Direct Benefit Transfer to the beneficiaries, it added.

The statement also stated that the Chief Minister-gi Hakshelgi Tengbang (CMHT), Govt. of Manipur scheme is fully implemented in RIMS Hospital. This scheme is a pioneering health assurance scheme initiated by Govt. of Manipur which provides Rs. 2 Lakh per eligible families every year. RIMS is prepared to implement Ayusman Bharat-National Health Protection Mission which will benefit upto Rs. 5 Lakh per family per year.

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Education Minister Thokchom Radheshyam today visited The Sangaiyupham Higher Secondary School, Sangaiyupham and interacted with the staff. The Minister inspected the three new school buildings constructed at the adjacent side of the previous building where the staff and students had been recently shifted.

After enquiring to the staff the Minister learnt that out of the three school buildings one of the building was being occupied by locals. He warned the locals to vacate the school building within five days. Inspecting the school premise the Minister also suggested demolishing the concrete fencing separating the three school



buildings. He said the demolition of the walls constructed between the school building would enlarge the school campus enabling the students to move freely and utilizes the ground for assembly and other sports activities. Expressing displeasure on seeing the poor maintenance of the

staff rooms and school premises, he asked the principal and staff to bring academic atmosphere in the institution since it has been already a month being shifted to the new building.

Radheshyam who is also the MLA of Heirok A/C visited the Government Primary School, Heirok part II.