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1859

The Meitei under Chandrakirti Singh invaded the Sukte tribe. Badly defeated by the Sukte Chief Kamhau, the Meitei fled back to Imphal.

1872

The Tribal chief, Raja Goukhothang, was treacherously captured by the Meitei General Thanggal and Balaram during the Lushai Expedition 1872. He was brought to Imphal and put in Imphal jail where he was beheaded by the Meitei King Chandrakirti Singh.

1873

After the gruesome beheading of Raja Goukhothang by the Meitei king, Chandrakirti Singh, his son, Sumkam vowed to take 100 Meitei heads as revenge. As a consequence, the Maharaj of Manipur Chandrakirti signed two treaties with Sumkam, the then tribal chief - the Treaty of Sanjenthong (1873) on the banks of the Imphal river and the Treaty of Kaparang (1873) under the aegis of British Colonel Mowbray Thomson. According to the treaties a peace accord was made between the two communities by the drinking of water from a gun barrel and the slaughtering of a dog. The demarcation of land was made between the two kings and Sumkam's boundary was made till Moirang.

1996

On **9th April 1996**, Bishenpur SP T. Tualkhanpau's convoy was ambushed by Meitei militants, which led to the deaths of the tribal SP, eight members of his escort party and two civilians including his wife..

2004

[25 November 2004] Meitei separatist groups UNLF, PLA and PREPAK planted landmines in the tribal-dominated Henglep sub-division of Churachandpur district. Doukholun Hanghal (48) of Zengvakot Polen village became it's first victim. Eight other tribal civilians in five villages were killed by the landmines between November 2004 and June 2005.

2005

[13 April 2005] MEELAL activists set the state Central Library on fire, damaging a large chunk of the building and destroying books worth over 10 crores rupees. This was an attempt to destroy all historical evidences that were disadvantageous to the Meitei, which included the infamous 700 square miles area of Manipur, the Treaty of Sanjenthong (1873) and the Treaty of Kaparang (1873) and many other documents.

2005

[31 December 2005] T. Thangthuum, the then Inspector General of Police, was assassinated at Oinam Bazar by Meitei militants.

2006

[16 January 2006] On the night of January 16, 2006, 402 civilians including women and children in Lungthulien were dragged out from their homes and beaten up mercilessly by 18 Meitei militants armed with sophisticated weapons. Fifteen females between the age of 12 and 27 were also raped or molested. The villagers were so traumatized by the events that they fled to Mizoram, where about 650 of them have since been accommodated in camps set up by the Mizoram government at Sakawrdai.

2015

[31 August 2015] Manipur govt passed three anti-Tribal bills which led to mass protests. Nine tribals were killed during the movement. Their bodies remained unburied for 632 days.

2022

[05 August 2022] Radical group Meitei Leepun locked the head office of the All Tribal Students' Union Manipur (ATSUM) located at Adimjati Complex, Chingmeirong, Imphal, for an indefinite period.

2022

[15 October 2022] Chandrakirti Park at Chivu, Tonzang based on a distorted history of the Meiteis was inaugurated by Manipur CM Biren Singh despite protest by the tribal people (RPZI). Chandrakirti captured and murdered Raja Goukhothang. To honour the murderer of the tribal chief at Chivu which is the place where he was captured is a direct insult to the tribals. But CM Biren Singh still carried on with the inauguration.

2023

[14 February 2023] The state govt ordered all licensed gun owners to submit their firearms. This activity was exercised only in Lamka district

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[10 March 2023] Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) organised a peaceful rally in Lamka District against the govt for its anti-tribal policies.

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[20 February 2023] Govt demolished all houses at K. Songjang village of Henglep Sub-Division as part of an eviction drive, stating that the area comes under Khoupum Protected Forest.

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[10 March 2023] The state cabinet decided to withdraw from SoO agreements with three hill-based insurgent groups, namely the Kuki National Army (KNA), the Zomi Revolutionary Army (ZRA) and the Kuki Revolutionary Army (KRA).

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[22 March 2023] Tribal consultative meeting held to discuss Meitei ST demand by ATSUM at Amity Hall, Adimjati Complex, Chingmeirong, Imphal.

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[24 March 2023] According to the government notification dated March 24, Armed Force Special Power Act (AFSPA) were removed from the Imphal Valley.

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[27 March 2023] Manipur High Court directed the state govt to consider inclusion of Meitei community in Scheduled Tribes list

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[03 April 2023] Govt committee headed by chief secretary decided to cancel all land/property deeds and recognition of villages within Reserved Forests and Protected Forests by end of April 2023.

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[11 April 2023] Three churches in Tribal Colony, Imphal demolished by govt as part of eviction drive in the wee hours of the day.

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[11 April 2023] Student leaders from KSO and ZFS along with the members of the Research and Prevention of Zo identities (RPZI) stopped a team of revenue and forest depts trying to take survey of Churachandpur-Khoupum Protected Forest at Sielmat, Lamka District.

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[13 April 2023] Revenue and forest depts officials attempted to conduct survey again in Lamka district, stopped by the angry villagers.

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[13 April 2023] Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Esther Laltankim Serto called an emergency meeting to discuss survey of Churachandpur-Khoupum Protected Forest. DFO failed to attend the said meeting.

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[19 April 2023] ITLF held a consultative meeting on Reserved Forests, Protected Forests, Wildlife Sanctuaries and Wetlands.

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[27 April 2023] Citizens showed their opposition to the CM for his anti-Tribal policies by destroying an open gym that he was to inaugurate in New Lamka, Lamka district.

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[28 April 2023] ITLF organised a shutdown in Lamka district to protest govt's anti-tribal policies.

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[28 April 2023] The govt went ahead with programme to inaugurate the open gym and forced govt employees to attend with threats of departmental action. An angry mob threw stones at the venue, leading to cancellation of the programme. Police opened fired to disperse the mob and detain seven protesters. Police refused to release two civilians, leading to all-night confrontation with the protesters. The Forest dept office in Tuibuong was set on fire.

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[29 April 2023] Violence and agitation continued in Lamka. Roads blocked in many places

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[02 May 2023] Counter blockade imposed by Meitei Leepun on roads and National Highways leading to the hill districts to counter the Tribal Peaceful Solidarity Rally.

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[03 May 2023 11 AM] ATSUM organised Public Peacefull Solidarity Rally. The Rally was organised simultaneously in all hill districts of Manipur.

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[03 May 2023 2 PM] Tribals returning from the peace rally were attacked by members of Arambai Tenggol.

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[03 May 2023 2:30 PM] Anglo-Kuki Centenary Gate burnt by members of Arambai Tenggol.

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[03 May 2023 3:30 PM] Angry mob confrontations began in Torbung and Kangvai. The Meitei mob was aided by Manipur Police commandos, who fired teargas at tribals.

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[03 May 2023 6:00 PM] Rumours of Meitei women being raped were spread by Meitei propagandists to justify the killing of Kuki-Zo tribals and the burning of their properties.

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[03 May 2023 6:30 PM] The burning of houses and churches began in all districts of Manipur by armed Meitei groups, which continued till the morning of the next day. Many killed and displaced.

