



## **Statement on Chin Kukis' threat against Meiteis' annual pilgrimage to Thangjing Hills.**

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We give this statement in response to an unconstitutional statement and blatant threat issued by six Chin-Kuki groups on April 9, 2025, in which they threatened Meiteis against going for their annual pilgrimage to the Thangjing Ching (hill).

Since ancient times, the Meiteis have been going on an annual pilgrimage to the hilltop shrine of Ibudhou Thangjing, the guardian of the mountains.

This illegal statement by the Chin-Kuki groups is akin to Hindus being stopped from making their pilgrimage to Kailash Parbat, or Muslims to Mecca. It also violates the fundamental right to freedom of movement and the right to religious practice.

In recent years, Chin-Kuki groups have been stopping Meiteis from going to hilltop temples, leading to tension and clashes. During the ongoing crisis, Chin-Kuki militants desecrated the sacred Thangjing Ching, erected a cross at the Meiteis' pilgrimage site, and renamed the hill.

The latest act by the six Chin-Kuki groups is clearly designed to engineer a fresh round of violence by provoking the Meiteis. Chin-Kuki militants and their frontal groups that call themselves "civil society organisations" are desperate to keep the pot boiling.

If there is peace in Manipur, then the separate land demand by the Chin-Kukis would lose relevance.

This threat by the Chin-Kuki groups also undermines efforts by the Ministry of Home Affairs to maintain peace and ensure talks.

This audacity is also a result of the prolonged inaction by both the Government of India and the Government of Manipur in addressing these illegal and provocative acts.

We strongly urge the authorities to take immediate and decisive action against these groups and send a strong message that such anti-constitutional and provocative actions will no longer be tolerated but will face strong and exemplary actions.

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