

## The Coming of Mongkotyang

In 1992-93, Manipur was shattered by the expansionist policy of the NSCN (IM). Many villages were set fire and thousands were left homeless, children, old and young were butchered during those years. That cruel incidence had also affected not only to the Kuki villages but also to others non-kuki villages. Mongkotyang, a village in the core jungle of Noneh (41), Tamenglong Dist. was one of them which was compelled to leave her land where generation to generation of her native had spent living. On the fearful day of the 5<sup>th</sup> October 1993, at 3.00 evening, the villagers set out to immigrate into Ichum Keirap village (Senapati Dist) where they were given fullest warm welcome and aids by the locals. It will be an absurd thing to forget and not enumerate the rescuing act of Mr. Ngamthang Haokip, an MLA of Manipur Legislature of that time. The horrific scenes of the people's dilemma and their mayhem-women with their child at their bosom and rags at their back; children accompanying their parents; men carrying things from toe to head and confused with where to head and shelter; and the tears from their eyes were unforgettable. These scenes still haunt the minds of the people who had experienced those incidents.

At the midnight of 5<sup>th</sup> October, villagers reached Ichum Keirap and were given shelters, food lodging, utensils, clothes, wools etc. These philanthropic acts still remain unpaid and owe debts towards the donor. To reiterate, Mongkotyang was not only a village that immigrated and get refuge, Taitak & Shongpher were also merged to Ichum Keirap Village in the said year.

In March,1994, Lt.Gen. V.K.Nayar, Governor of Manipur himself came and met with the chiefs-M.Khochonthang (Ichum Keirap Chief) and Telien Lerkhohao (Mongkotyang Chief) and made them to pledge for mutual existence and assistance. In continuation of his move for re-settlement and re-allocation of the refugees, brought many essential goods and dispensed all to them.

Inspite of all these assistance and backup from different organizations and other miscellaneous governmental aids, the wound could not be healed but takes more than a decade to recover. The life that was blissful and once bloomed with green leaves, religiously and socially, becomes pale filled with jealousy and grief. But, by the grace of God, this integration has a great positive impact upon the life of both the indigenous and the refugees. Ever since, varied, unexpected and substantial changes are continuing to take place in the village which is undeniably God's blessing.

### **List of the families/ Households that abandoned Mongkotyang on or before 5<sup>th</sup> Oct.1993.**

<b>H/O Family</b>	<b>Ahlutna Kho</b>	<b>H/O Family</b>	<b>Ahlutna Kho</b>
T.Thangkhoahao-	Ichum Keirap	K. Minlen-----	Ekouphai
M.Serkam-	-do-	K.Lunthang.....	Ichum-
D.Paosat	-do-	K. Letmang.....	Ichum-
T.Solen	-Ichum-	K. Lunkam.....	Thanglong-
L.Lhungkam	-do-	S.Jangkholam.....	Saikul-
S.Paoler	-Khongnangpokpi	S.Chungkhotinlal.....	Saikul-Mongnaphai-
L. Haokholer	-Ichum-	S.Chungkholen.....	Ichum-
T. Sonkam	-do-	T.Songkholet.....	Ichum-
T.Sonneikhup	-do-	T.Lerkhohao ( <b>Chief</b> ).....	Ichum-Khudengthabi
T.Sonneithang	-do-	T.Thangsat.....	Ichum-
T.Khuptinsei	-do-	C.Haokhochung.....	Wangthorok-Mongnaphai
M.Lerchon	Ichum-Khudengthabi-Ichum	T.Khupkam.....	Ichum-Khudengthabi
K.Vorsei	-Ichum-	D.Seikhotinthang.....	Ichum-
Sonngam	-Ichum-Khudengthabi-	S.Benjamin.....	Ichum-
T.Tonglen	-Ichum-	T.Hmangkholen.....	Ichum-
T.Hmanglet	-Wangthorok-	L. Khupthang.....	Ichum-
D. Lengkhup	-Wangthorok-	S.Shonsat.....	Khongnangpokpi



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