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KSO (H) Freshers' Meet cum KUT Celebration 2011 (A special Report by Tim Haokip)

“Be there or be left out” those were the imposing words imprinted on the programme invitation cards of KSO Hyderabad’s first ever Freshers’ cum Kut celebration. And sure enough not wanting to be left out, the Birla Science Auditorium with a seating capacity of 250 had to accommodate nearly twice that number. The Freshers’ Cum Kut Celebration was held on the 29th of October as it was the closest Saturday to the real Chavang Kut day, which was a minor compromise as November 1st outside of Manipur is usually never a public holiday. “Cultural Confluence” was the chosen theme for this day and perfectly summed up the atmosphere in the auditorium which was to witness a plethora of traditional and sometimes neo-transitional cultural dances unique to the various hills tribes of the North-East.

The chief delegates for the programme were Ms. Themnu Changsan (IRS) our very own KSO Hyderabad Alumni and Mr. Pupu Misao, Deputy Commandant (CRPF), hopefully present to command some discipline over those present. The KUT PA for the day was our ever charismatic grandpa of twins Upa. T. Changsan aka, Mr. Chang famous for his Chang Farm, and who also proved to still be very agile by strutting out some dance moves with the Vaiphei Cultural Dance Troupe. Representatives from various North East bodies in Hyderabad such as the Naga Christian Fellowship (NCF), Eimi Christian Fellowship (ECF) and Hyde’a also graced us with their presence.

Ms. Neilam Kipgen and Mr. Kakai Khongsai anchored the show with their traditional good looks and international accents, thoroughly enthralling those present. The programme began with an invocation prayer by Pi. Lamng Changsan followed by a welcome speech from the KSO President Mr. Francis Haokip. KSO (H) is blessed with many talented singers and the event witness many good performers who enthralled the audience with their vocal brilliance - *The Friendship Prayer Cell, The Bharat Bible College (BBC) band, Ms. Chinneo Lhungdim, Mr. Martin Vaiphei, Mr. Sei Haokip, Ms. Boibte Kim, Mr. Holminlan Khongsai, Mr. Francis Haokip and Ms. Mischelle Sangma, Ahsisomleng Band, Letboi, Ms. Lanmkim and Mr. Thangboi Singnit, Mr. Thangboi Singnit, Banjara Band, Sainikpuri Band, Ahval Band, Solomon, Satpu, Ngamkholeit and Party Band.* Besides, the onslaught of high octane vocal performances, the audience were given a visual treat with cultural dance performance from various groups. The performers were - *Yashoda School of Nursing students, Eashvari Bai Cultural Troupe and Vaiphei Cultural Troup.*

The KUT PA was then felicitated and he gave a brief report on how various hill tribes of the North Eastern States celebrated this annual event called KUT. Our comperes then decided to call the freshers and have them give a brief introduction of themselves. From their introductory speeches it was obvious who the crowd favorites were, unanimously winning the hearts of the judges as well. Rev. Paothang Haokip then gave a short exhortation to the freshers on how to adapt to the city, its people and culture besides the curriculum to which they are admitted and later bless them with a prayer.

Pu. Paokholen Misao, Advisor KSO (H) gave us a descriptive history of KUT. Right after our history lesson we were entertained by one of our younger KSO (H) member Mr. Martin Vaiphei with his rendition of Kuki’s rock icon Maneithangja’s Jorhat Khopi; melting the hearts of many, including that of our comperes Ms. Neilam.

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Vote of Thanks

The Organising Committee and KSO (H) Executives 2010-11 convey our heartfelt gratitude and thanks to all the members & well wishers for your unrelenting support & cooperation to make the *Freshers' Meet cum KUT Celebration 2011* a grand success. We would like to make special mention of the family members (who were always there to cheer us on), our sponsors & special contributors (for their financial support), our artistes & bands and cultural troupes (who put in several weeks of hard-work towards practice & rehearsals to make the event the colorful and great success it was!).

Kudos also to all for this success and for making the day a memorable one for all of us here in the city. Let this be just the beginning & keep up the same spirit for all our future events!! For any feedback / suggestions about the event, write to us at k.sohyd@yahoo.com

After the entertaining first half, and with most of our esteemed guests now present, the Chief guests were now invited to share a few words. Ms. Themnu Changsan (IRS), went first, being a former KSO (H) member herself, she shared a few of her experiences growing up and motivated everyone particularly the freshers to build a positive attitude and strive towards achieving their goals. Ms. Annie Jose (Principal, Eashwari Bai College of Nursing) also spoke a few words, sharing her appreciation of the North East community and of the pleasant experiences she had while visiting some North Eastern States of India. Representatives from various North East Bodies in Hyderabad also took the time to share some words, which included Mr. Zachamo Odyo, Pastor of Naga Christian fellowship and Thangminlian, President (Hyde'a).

There was then a swearing in of the new KSO (H) executive members who were blessed by Rev. Paothang Haokip. This was followed by an award distribution ceremony by the Mr. Tim Haokip (Edu. Secy) & Mr. Guni Khongsai (Info. Secy) and our Chief Guests - Ms. Themnu Changsan & Pupu Misao, who gave out certificates and prizes to the meritorious students.

The best was saved for last, for some people at least, who were lucky enough to win prizes from the lucky draw. Sanglien Singson won the first prize in the draw. The winners of Mr. and Ms. Fresher 2011 were declared as Gl. Lettinlal Misao and Ng. Hoilaldoi Vaiphei. The evening closed with a vote of thanks by Pu. Letkholun Vaiphei and a closing prayer by Nu. Hoisen Lungdim.

This event would not have been possible without the help of our delightful sponsors, such as team Red Bull who made sure they didn't go unnoticed; energizing every one present with their energy drinks whose effect was immediately felt by the increasing noise generated by the audience, as well as boosting the energy levels of the performers. Our other sponsors to whom we owe a lot for successfully holding this event are KOMIREDDY & KOMMIREDDY and ABHYAAS coaching institute.

All in all we were very privileged to be able to successfully pull off such an event, uniting all the Kuki students in Hyderabad under one umbrella where everyone had something to gain. In a closing speech from his presidential address, Mr. Francis O Haokip, KSO (H) President said that, "As more and more of our student community come to big metros for various educational pursuits, it is important that we continue to cherish and preserve our unique & diverse cultures wherever we are. It is in this spirit that we have organized this celebration today and we plan to conduct the celebrations every year."

History of KUT - Pu. Paokholen Misao (Advisor, KSO-H)

[This speech was delivered by Pu. Paokholen Misao (Advisor, KSO-H) at the Fresher's Meet cum Kut Celebration, 2011]

Respected Chief guest, Kut-pa, distinguished invitees, all the participants and the organizing committee of today's function, today, I am greatly privileged to deliver a short speech on this august on the topic "History of the KUT".

Well, the term KUT literally means Festival(s) or Celebration. This festival(s) is mostly celebrated by the Kuki – Chin – Mizo group of communities whom I shall call them as the Kutters. To know the history or perhaps the origin of the celebration of the Kut, it may be relevant to have a bird's eye view of the geographical impact on the culture of the Kutters.

The Kutters (Kuki – Chin – Mizo group of communities) today lived partly in the states of Manipur, Assam, Nagaland, Tripura & Mizoram in the North Eastern part of India, partly in the Chin Hills and Sagaing division of Myanmar (Burma), and partly in the Chittagong Hill tracts of Bangladesh. Geographically, we can say that the inhabitation of the Kutters is roughly within 22°N to 26° N longitude and 92°E to 98°E latitude. These regions are basically steep slope Hill areas with heavy rainfall during the summer and chilly - cooled weather in the winter. A sub-tropical forest of thick jungle and steep slope hills with few rivulets makes the whole region totally out of touch or with a minimum contact with the mainland people of their respective countries – India, Myanmar (Burma) and Bangladesh. In these type of Geographical conditions - with steep slope hills covered with thick jungles, one can imagine the type of profession for these Kutters. Any guess? Yes, it is Jhumming Cultivation. On the steep slope hills each family of the Kutters is fully engaged the whole year with the Jhumming cultivation. I think I may not be justified if I don't mention something about the Jhumming cultivation in the Kutters' region.

During the last part of November, the kutters starts clearing of the fields by cutting down the thick jungles. The same is burnt during February –March. Seed sowing begins during March-April. The harvesting is done during October-November which is the autumn season of the year. In fact, the total dependence on the Monsoon rain compelled the Kutters to accomplish the hectic schedules of the Jhumming Cultivation mainly beginning in the month of April and ends in the later part of September i.e. the whole process is to be completed in a span of 6(six) months. During the post harvest, the Kutters, freed as a bird with the zeal to fly as high as possible, seized the months between autumn and the fall of spring to resort to social activities which ultimately resulted into the celebration of various KUTS like the Chavang Kut, Mim Kut, Chapchhar Kut, Khua Do, Kumrhin Kut, Chang-ai, Mim-ai, Sel-ai, Sa-ai, etc., etc

Unfortunately, the kutters have no written record(s) of the traditional celebrations of all the Kuts mentioned above. In the olden days, perhaps, the Kut celebrations were confined to each village or at the most to a cluster of villages; possibly this could be the reason for no records (for the younger generations and the research scholars!). However, as a Kutter, you need not got yourself dragged away for having no records of such valuable treasure. The reason is simple. 'Kut' has become the culture and custom to all the Kutters and as you know Culture and Custom is far more important than history which is merely a record of the past!

The Kutters celebrate the traditional Kuts with varied traditional fervor. Various cultural dances like Saguol Kengkhai, Suhta Laam/bamboo dance, Phit Laam, Laam Kuol, Vaphual lam, etc., are performed by the kutters. Then follows the Traditional sports like Kangchong kap, Kaang kaap, Suhtum Kho, Teng kho, Kungkal/Sielkal, Kibuot, Buontuol kho, etc. where the

strength and muscle power of the Kutters are peeped (by the girls) and recognized. Further, many traditional musical related competitions such as Goshem, Theile/flute, Pengkul/trumpet, Pheiphit, Lhemlhei, Na(leave)-mut, etc. are also conducted. The victorious slogan “LI.....LI....LI...LI.... . . . HA... HA... HA.... HA.....” follows the beginning and the completion of each event of the Kut celebration. Though the exact literal meaning of the combination of these two words are not known, the saying goes that even the demons/devils (Thilha-sangah) are very uncomfortable and are very afraid of this slogan. Soon as they heard this slogan, they retreat themselves from further advancing and pave the way for the Kutters to pass on. The sound of the shouting of this victorious slogan “LI.....LI....LI...LI.... . . . HA... HA... HA.... HA.....” echoed and echoed and echoed and passes through seven hills, seven rivers, seven seas, etc., etc., which means the place of the celebration of the Kut is the epicenter from where the waves of the victorious slogan “LI.....LI....LI...LI.... . . . HA... HA... HA.... HA.....” travels in all directions crossing the sevens – hills, valleys, seas, rivers, etc. etc.

The celebration of the modern version of the Kut may be traced back to the State level celebration of the Chavang Kut on November 1, 1979 at Keithelmanbi (M.C) in the Manipur state of India. Three years later the word Chavang which means Autumn was deleted for want of commonality among the dialects of the Kutters. In the later years November, 1 was declared by the State Government of Manipur as the State Holiday with the allocation of Fund for the celebration of the Kut at the State level.

So, as far as the history or the origin of the Kut is concern, though the exact date of commencement is not on record or unknown we can still trace it back to the customs and culture of the Kutters themselves. Let us all remember that the Kut has served as a great platform for the preservation of our treasured Custom and Culture. Let us co-operate each other to make this august a grand success. God bless the Kutters and the KSO(H)! Thank you.

News in the Pearl City

- On 20th November, 2011 the KSO (H) Freshers’ Meet Cum Kut Celebration DVD was inaugurated and solemnized in Kuki worship Service (Hyderabad) by Pu. Paokholen Misao (*Advisor, KSO-H*). The DVD is now available for all to purchase and members who have not got a copy may contact Gl. Guni Khongsai (Info Secy) or Sanglien Singson (Edu. Secy) to get their copies. The DVD would not have seen the light of the day if not for the extra efforts put in by certain members. In this regard, AHSISOMLENG convey special thanks to Gl. Minlien, Gl. Thangneo Chongloi and Gl. Kakai who spent several sleepless nights to complete the editing and duplication of the DVDs.
- KSO (H) executive members had a Dinner-cum-Meeting with their two Advisors - Pu Paokholen Misao and Pu Letkholun Vaiphei on the 24th of November, 2011 at the residence of Pu. Letkholun Vaiphei. The objective of the meeting was to thank our Advisors for their support and guidance during the past year and at the same time request them to act as Advisors of KSO (H) for another term. The KSO (H) Executives on behalf of all the members would like to thank our two eminent Advisors for agreeing to continue as Advisors for another term and also for the invaluable advice and suggestions that they have contributed for furthering the cause of the organisation during the past year. The meeting also took a review of the past year and several issues were also discussed for the overall development of KSO (H) as an organisation. We would also like to convey special thanks to Nu. Lalam Vaiphei for the delicious home-cooked dinner!
- KSO (H) condoles the death of Gl. Lenpu Haokip, younger brother of Gl. Kampu Haokip (Ex-President KSO-H), who left us this month. Let us continue to remember the bereaved family in our prayers.
- KSO (H) have opened an SBI account at Hyderabad University Branch, Gachibowli to enable better and more transparent management of our funds. AHSISOMLENG thank Ng. Teresa Baite & Ng. Boinu Sitlhou for taking the initiative to open the account.
- Our members in the various nursing colleges in Hyderabad are on the verge of finishing their exams with practical test left for many. The third year students of Mamatha Nursing College were given farewell after the Sunday service by Friendship Prayer Cell on the 27th of November, 2011.
- Kuki Worship Service, Hyderabad is celebrating Advent Christmas on the 4th of December, 2011 at Centenary Baptist Church, Secunderabad.
- AHSISOMLENG proudly congratulates Gabriela Chongloi who represents KSO (H) in the media world. Gabby alias KC have hosted two programmes in ‘Bol Hyderabad 90.4 FM’ which is a campus community radio aired by the students of the Department of Communication at the University of Hyderabad. The programme titled ‘An evening with KC’ is a live show that happened from 5-6:30 pm daily from the 21st to 25th of November, 2011. Previously, Gabby had hosted another programme by the name ‘KC’s beat box’ which is an English music programme.
- On 19th November, 2011 HYDEA celebrated Fresher’s Meet cum Cultural Exhibition 2011.

News from elsewhere

- Kuki Worship Service, Kolkata will be celebrating its ‘Decade Celebration’ on the 4th of December, 2011 to mark ten years of God’s faithfulness. The theme is ‘Pressing towards the mark’.
- While KSO (H) celebrated the post harvest festival of the Chin-Kuki-Mizos on the 29th of October, ‘Kut’ in Manipur was celebrated on 1st November at the 1st MR Parade ground under the direction of the State Level Kut Celebration Committee. The winner of the prestigious Miss Kut title for the year 2011 is Miss Lungmonkim Sitlhou flanked by Miss Ibethoi Thokchom as First Runners’ up and Miss Lunngaihkim Buanshing as Second Runners’ up.

Naita Diute

- A boy prayed to God, “God, give me a job and one big vehicle full of girls”. His prayer got answered and he got a job as a bus driver in a Nursing college.
- Manipur a guchaho chungthu kitan dan: Rupees 100 guho youth club/ village authority ho kijepsah. Rupees 1000 guho police kimat sah, rupees 10000 guho UG kimatsah, rupees 100000 apat chunglam negu-theiho kinthupi teng chief guest, guest of honour le functional president akikouva pahvui le ponthupi cheh present kibol gi tai.
- Principal was drowning in the river behind the college. A student saw him and ran away shouting, “Tomorrow is holiday! Tomorrow is holiday!”
- Nupa ni(2) kihouna:
Ajipa: Radio kichoh ute
Ajinu : Uinou joh kichoh ute
Ajipa : Uinou in Manipur bandh amat ham?
Ajinu : Radio in nao eh aneh thei ham?
- Nupi thusei mo tah khat in - tujan go ahung kithin, Van ahungjuh, Kakang kal kasem mit, ka puton sung'a kachop lut'a ka jalkhun kaki sil ahinti doh'e...ha3!
- Saichang khophat laija alung mo penpa chun loi (buffalo) aching in, achung'a atou pet in aloi ahol mon, aloi akipui in muntin agahol'e atiuve.

Thulam Leng

- Hyderabad a substitution/reshuffle chelha jing...alui athah panmun kikhel ho -
 - Minlien—Boinu Suantak (Anaonu)
 - Hegin—Sehmang
 - Guni—Satgin (Anaopa)
 - Thangneo—Sei Haokip (Key board)
 - Letboi Tiutiu—P.S. Haokip Tiutiu
- *Best Performance & Best failure:* Golhang ni kilhung toh tah in tuchung kut a chun nungah melhoi tah khat cheh kingai pi din alungtup na nasatah ana nei lhon in ahi. Vang phat umtah in imaboi na umlou hel in kut ni in nungah mel hoi tah2 tampi toh akimu lhon in aki heu vin akilhon khom un, lim akikap khom uvin phat chom khat sung chun koi Sarukh Khan sang in bolyhei aki salheh hon in ahi.... Vangset umtah in ajing a propose abol lhon leh nungah melhoi tah2 hochun golcha din bou ana dei kha uvin ahi.... Amani hinkho mandi dan hi aloi apai phabep in nasatah in gelkhoh na anei peh u vin, amahon jong i-bol thei pen u tin kilung toh tah in 5min condolence ana nei peh tauvin ahi.
- Game & Sport Secy. pun nungah ho aki mupi nom man in Certificate asemthuh peh in a agathah peh e ti thulhut kimu....!!!

Special Announcements....

- Tukum a pat KSO Membership kitup deu va bolding chuleh membership database khat jong sem ding akitin, hijeh chun membership kilah nai lou ho jousen, nang ma ho representative ho ahilouleh executives ho khat pen pen kom-a membership form e fill-up uva December lha sunga submit ibol diuin iki hetsah un ahi. I-Card dei-hon, passport size photograph khat toh e submit that diuin hetsah ihuive. I-Card hi apun a semkhom angai ding jeh in, phat kichai nunga hin submit ho achom a hung kibol peh joulou maithei ahitai.
- Koi tobang Fresher's Meet Cum Kut Celebration, 2011 DVD kilah nailou aum leh, Info. Secy. Pa ahilou leh Education Secy. pa komma I kilah thei u ahi. Copy am tapon, adei hon gang deuva nahetsah lou uleh nachan lou maithei u ahitai!! Chuleh DVD kilah a sum hinpe nailou hon jong agang theipen a ihin peh lut cheh diuin jong kahin tem kit uve.

Asei Kit Taoue.....

- AHSISOMLENG iti leh nahin so kit diu hitam?? Kangah lel tauve
Nu. Hatboi (Income Tax)
- Tuchung KUT kiman chai jou a pat in golhang jouse jansah le pung 2/3 phone in aboi jing tauve...epiti tam??
Gl. Hegin Kipgen
- Gl. Guni hi tuchung Kut a chun afel mongmong e nungah umna jouse a kamu thei jengin thilha ngapngap ham kati ahitai e....!!
Gl. Anthony Haokip
- Gl. Letboi sam tan dinga kajol vang uvin anom pon, ahin la nungah khat in kitan in ati le atan tahbah jenge...
Gl. Thangneo Haokip
- Alwar cultural troupe ho kakihou phatphat u leh lunghel thu le lam thah jil kit ding bou kasei tauve...!!
Ng. Nengboi Khongsai
- Tuchung vang ka luck doh jou tahih beh e...!
Gl. Minlien Suantak
- Gl. Anthony hin nungah aseisei nu chu akimu hitam? KSO (H) executive ho koma strike ka bol di atichu apahapoh tahih beh e...!!
Gl. Minlien Suantak
- Gl. Samuel toh Gl. P.S. Minthang nungah akichu lhon leh Gl. Ch Thangneo achan lo tai...!!
Ng. Boinu Suantak
- Golhang phatah hi a, nungah kimulou sang in kiphamo thim henlang nungah kiki muleh a phachom jo de o.....
Gl. Sei Haokip
- Hyderabad hi ka chapam deu lai a kahung hileh kati val e...
Gl. Francis Haokip

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