

Seng Khasi

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Seng Khasi is the socio-cultural organization of the Khasis who follow their ancestral faith. It was established on 23rd Nov. 1899 by 16 prominent and patriotic leaders of Khasi society under the leadership of “U Babu Jeebon Roy”. The origin of the Seng



Khasi started from the emergence of the British colonial rule in the Khasi, Jaintia hills and the attempts of the religious conversions by Christian missionaries among the Khasi-pnars. The Khasi gentlemen who could understand Bengali were engaged to translate the bible into Khasi language. With the help of the Bengali knowing Khasi the prayers of Christianity was considered as a challenge to the traditional culture of the Khasis and the official patronage to the evangelists made an apparent that the indigenous faith would be totally extinct in not too far future, This situation made the Khasi intellectual and patriotic persons to start certain measure to protect and preserve the Khasi religion faith and inspire the people that every Khasi should respect and be proud of their rich heritage.

Seng Khasi is the organization of the Khasi agnates and cognates who adhere to the tenets of matriliney as handed down by the predecessors from time immemorial.

The second principle – In humanity, to earn only the righteousness – a tribute to the Creator. This principle was based on the teaching of the original Khasi faith as laid down and handed over by the ancient Khasis. A Khasi understood that he came into this world with the divine commandment of the Almighty and he is bound by the tenet to regulate his life with the knowledge of the Creator. This tenet is a link between man and his Creator by a chain of righteous conduct in life there after. Man has a right to live in correlation with his duties to be raised for pleasing himself, his fellowmen, and also the Almighty God.

The other principle, on which Seng Khasi stands forth, is to increase the knowledge of “Tipkur-Tipkha” i.e. knowing one’s agnates and cognates as contended in Khasi thought.

Lastly, the Seng Khasi also stands forth, for the faith and belief in one Almighty God, the Master and the Omniscient.

Aims & Objectives of Seng Khasi

To foster the sense of brotherhood among the Khasis who adhere their indigenous socio cultural heritage.

To create consciences of God Almighty Creator the Omnipotent.

To earn righteousness through services and to respect fellow men with sense of humanity and divinity.

To work for mental and physical development of the members and regulate the way of living as moral and social condition.

For the advancement of education among the indigenous people.

To encourage traditional sports like archery, cultural dance and other social festivals.

To undertake welfare and development activities such as maintenance of cremation ground for those who dispose of the dead body according to indigenous tradition and faith.

Activities of Seng Khasi

Seng Khasi arranges various cultural programmes like Shad Suk Mynsiem at Weiking (Shillong) every year. It encourage the practice of the traditional sports like archery etc. It runs many schools in different parts of Meghalaya and also one college in Shillong. Seng Khasi participates in cultural programme on Republic day. The Seng Khasi tries to preserve the traditional governance institution of local "Dorbar" or "Dorbar shnong" headed by the headman of the village. Seng Khasi becomes the member of "International Association Religious Freedom (IARF)" Seng Khasi has its various branches in different village in Meghalaya. Sein Raj is the similar organisation working in Jaintia Hills. Seng Khasi arranges Seng Kut Snem (the anniversary of Seng Khasi) and various awakening programmes called Seng Kyrsew.

Lympung of Seng Khasi

A grand movement to unite Khasi and Pnars, which arrange annual get-together to display their various rich culture and heritage, which held in the month of April every year. It is being organised by Seng Khihlang, Shillong.