

The 183 Death Anniversary of U Syiem Tirot Sing



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Today, (16th July, 2018), Dr. Sylvanus Lamare delivered a lecture on the importance of U Syiem Tirot Sing in the Auditorium of St. Edmund's College. The programme was attended by the Secretary, Staff of the History, Khasi, Sociology, English, Mathematics Departments and other Departments as well as the students of History and Khasi Departments and other students. The lecture was on the Anglo Khasi War with a diversion to more information on David Scott, Lt. Richard Gurdon Bedingfield and Lt. Philip Bowles Burlton. From research it has been found that David Scott had a number of assignments before he came to the Khasi Hills. It has been found that Richard Gurdon Bedingfield and Philip Bowles Burlton were in Nongkhlaw for holidays and to enjoy the natural air of the place which was found to be beneficial for their health. Both of them were in the place at the wrong time and were killed one at Nongkhlaw and the other out of Nongkhlaw.

An important question was raised on the other aspect of U Syiem Tirot Sing, that is, the prison life that he spent in Dacca. Prof. David R. Syiemlieh discovered the death certificate of U Tirot Sing, perhaps there are other records regarding his life in the prison. It is a subject for another research.

Questions were also raised why we do not have our own version on the life of U Syiem Tirot Sing? The answer for the Khasi race is that we did not have a written language, but perhaps, such information may be available in other neighbouring communities such as the Ahom, Dimasa, Tipperah etc.

When we remember the anniversary of U Syiem Tirot Sing, it is an occasion to recall his contribution to the Khasi race and also to commit ourselves to serve our community and have pride on our Freedom Fighters by rediscovering them.
