

## CUSTOMARY LAW AND PRACTICES OF THE ZELIANGRONG NAGA IN NORTH-EAST INDIA

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### **ABSTRACT**

*In all most all societies, relationships among the individuals are regulated by a body of norms, customs, taboos, traditions, values and moral standard. Tribal societies differ from all other societies inter alia in the fact that individuals are relatively fettered by the customs and taboos. Among the tribal, it is the customary law that determines the status of each member of the community. Customary law is one of the most distinctive features of the tribal's and through it, the socio-cultural identity of the tribal community is preserved. Nevertheless, customary law varies from tribe to tribe and is largely unwritten. The Zeliangrong society had no account of the written historical document. Thus, history was reproduced and reinstated through folklores, myths, ballads and legends which had been handed down orally from their ancestors, generation to generation. In this research article, a study is conducted on the traditional customary law of the Zeliangrong Heraka Naga society.*

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