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The **Meghalaya** government recently unveiled a life-size bust of Khasi freedom fighter U Tirot Sing Syiem at the **Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre (IGCC)** in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

- This event honors the sacrifice and valor of **U Tirot Sing Syiem**, commemorating his pivotal role in the struggle against British colonialism.



[ref-the Shillong times]

About the U Tirot Sing Syiem:

- U Tirot Sing Syiem was a **Khasi chief** in the early **19th** century, who had led the resistance against **British** attempts to control the Khasi Hills.
- Known for his courage and leadership, he spearheaded the Khasi soldiers in their battle against British oppression.

Contribution in Anglo-Khasi War:

- On **April 4, 1829**, **U Tirot Sing Syiem** initiated an attack on the **British Garrison** at **Nongkhlaw**, signaling the beginning of a significant conflict.
- This action led to a **4-year-long struggle** between the **Khasi soldiers**, under U Tirot Sing Syiem's leadership, and the **British forces**.
- Despite facing challenges such as **lack of firearms**, the **Khasi fighters** engaged in **guerrilla warfare tactics** against the **British**.
- Tirot Sing's **resistance** was marked by his **determination** to protect his people and land from foreign intrusion.
- In **January 1833**, **U Tirot Sing Syiem** was **captured** by the **British** and **deported** to **Dhaka**, where he faced **martyrdom** on 17 July 1835.
- His death is commemorated in Meghalaya as **U Tirot Sing Day**.