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JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST AREA

Our ancient scholars have written in the Puyas (Holy books) that among the numerous hills of Kangleipak (Manipur) some important hills have many shrines of Gods. Among the said hills "Nongmaiching" or Langmaiching is also one of them. A holy book in the Nongmaiching Chinggoirol have also been written describing about the specific location of Gods at the said hill. This book contains the where about of a particulars God and its shrine describing in which part of the hill have the place of Gods. For instance mention may be made of how the book describes about the sacred places present in the western part of the hill as mentioned in the text as follows:-

Chinggoinaral eo Kouhadi Kadounongeen hairabadi Nungbal hongnem Luwang Ningthou Punshiba Mapanu Koubarol Namoinu Paima Lingoigee madairem Leithin nonghinyang haoku Chawaiyang Ayangbana Laija Yachaojee Waklel tangma kakna Laija Wallakpabu Likla Pishintongum Waithungluye. Hongnem Luwang Ningthou Punshibana Shelloi Chingya chaojee Nunghan Ithakchat, Luwang Ekhong Phangna Laija Ewange haina maran thouchatlakpada tara cheng machang taoba Huiyamanba tektababu tara chipungshana Peirame. Adunonggebu nunghan chenggoi eo touna kouye!

These few sentences indicate the emergence of the sacred river at the foothills of the Nongmaiching known as "Chingoi turel". This river is considered as a sacred river and this book culicidae the emergence of its sources.

To the east of this river i.e. the western part of this range, lies the holy shrine of Laiyingthou Pureiromba to which it has been mentioned as follows:-

... Chenggoinar Eda Tamthalok, Erok Laisham thangtho mathek Keibushan Chelliwai Langmai thanga Yummingkadi Angouba Pureiromba Karenyyaine. Angouba Pureiromba nathang Pengbaiphram Kajik Kabak Shatnaching, Shelloi Lairurel, Langmaichenja Nanggoibee Lokyai Yumnamung, Chingngu Yoikonnu, angouba Pureiromba Khoiyum Changjou makhubakna Khinhanung, Thoudu nungmu-shidaba, Chengja nungngo9u nadababu thoudu nungkhinchingne.

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The above statement signifies that the western side of the big Nongmaiching (Langmaiching) hill have brooks that surround the Chingoi river and the areas encompassed by these water bodies inculcate the abode of God Laiyingthou Pureiromba enshrined on the black and white stones. Even now the big stone present near the Laiyingthou Sanamahi Kiyong (Temple) is the Shrine of Laiyingthou Pureiromba as well as the areas surrounded by the books joining the Chingoi river are the playing grounds of nine Laiyingthou (Gods and Seven Lainura (Goddesses).

In the aforesaid condition, we have constructed the Laiyingthou Sanamahi Kiyong (Temple).

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