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The Three Schools of Thought on Kuki Chieftainship: A Theoretical Approach

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ABSTRACT The Kukis practise the traditional institution called Chieftainship, which is still in existence today. Every village is governed under such an institution headed by a chief called Haosa. The chief along with his councilmen, who are elected on tenure basis, works for the welfare of the villagers. In return the villagers have the obligation of paying tributes to the chief, which is purely voluntary in nature. However, there are continuing debates among the younger generation over its continuity in the advent of democracy. This paper will discuss the different schools of thought on Kuki chieftainship and thereafter suggest what possibly could be the most appropriate approach to the debate on Kuki Chieftainship.