



GATHERING TOGETHER TO ENSURE THEIR RIGHTS

RIGHTS of Indigenous people are ignored all over the world and in Bangladesh the situation is even worse. To ensure their constitutional rights, even 33 years after the independence, people from different ethnic groups gathered in the city on August 9 like indigenous people of other countries. Dressed in ethnic clothes people from Chakma, Marma, Garo, Khashia, Tripura, Santal, Manipuri and others sang and danced to mark the World Indigenous People's Day dedicated to the cause of ethnic people. In Bangladesh there are nearly 45 groups who have been living for centuries and their rights have always been neglected though they have distinct cultural heritage, language, religion and life style that enrich us in many ways.

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