



Dear Friends,

Warm greetings from Manipur Women Gun Survivors Network & Northeast India Women Initiative for Peace.

MWGSN & NEIWP believes in the human right of every woman, man, youth and child to peace. War and violence result in the systemic and sweeping denial of civil and political rights, along with economic, social, and cultural rights as scarce resources are expended on weapons and preparation for war. Whats more, the aftermath of wars can be destructive and devastating on the lives of the people that are constantly exploited and assaulted. Our work continues and we resolutely stand by our belief that enduring peace will be attained only when all human rights are fulfilled. We continue our journey in ensuring that the human rights of all persons to peace is inextricably linked to all other human rights - rights that are universal, indivisible, interconnected and interdependent.

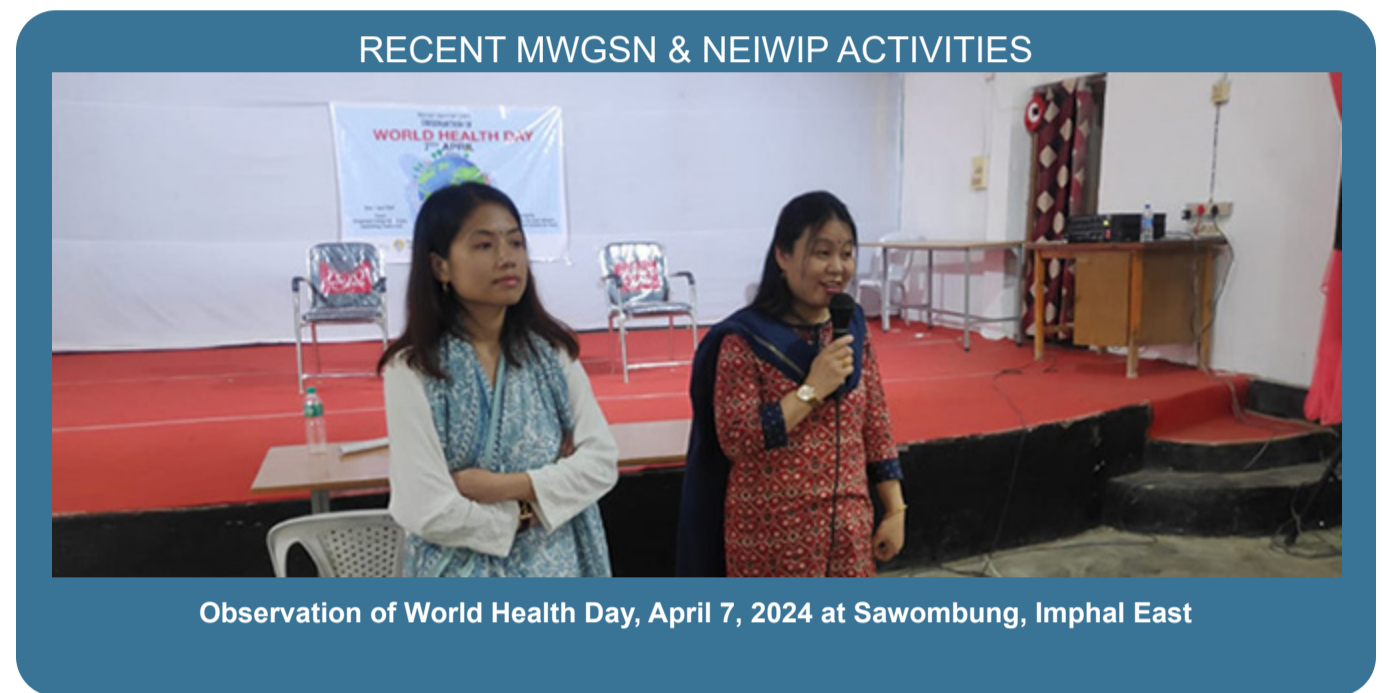
In our first issue of 2024, we shared articles and stories covering three key issues related to our work. This is followed by important news from Northeast India where MWGSN and NEIWP have been working for the past 15 years.

NEIWP
Northeast India Women Initiative for Peace

NORTHEAST INDIA WOMEN INITIATIVE FOR PEACE (NEIWP)

Northeast India Women Initiative for Peace (NEIWP) is a network of women organizations that are working for peace in the northeast region of India. Northeast India comprising of the eight states of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Sikkim is facing the onslaught of multiple armed conflicts since the late 1940s. A level of militarization has engulfed India's Northeast under the garb of insurgency and counter-insurgency. And in the process women are assaulted, humiliated, raped and murdered during conflicts which are not of their making.

NEIWP brings together women from all over Northeast states to strategize an action plan to strategise an action plan for building peace, providing justice and political rights in the region ruptured by years of conflict.



NEWS FROM NORTHEAST

ASSAM

Era of insurgency ended in Assam, says CM Himanta Biswa Sarma

Source: *Northeast Now*, 10 April 2024

The era and days of insurgency and militancy in the Northeast state of Assam are over. This was claimed by Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Wednesday (April 10)... [read more>>](#)

More than 100 Civil Society Members of Northeast condemn PM Modi's speech in Rajasthan

Source: *Northeast Now*, 24 April 2024

Renowned civil society members from Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Manipur have condemned the speech of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Rajasthan and have urged the Election Commission of India (ECI) to "take appropriate actions against him for violating model code of conduct"... [read more>>](#)

ARUNACHAL PRADESH

Arunachal Pradesh Poll Violence: At Least 20 Injured in Gun Fight; Militant Influence Raises Concern

Source: *The Wire*, 19 April 2024

The role of armed militants in influencing elections in Arunachal Pradesh came to the limelight once again with supporters and workers of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the National People's Party (NPP) entering into a fierce gun battle in the north-eastern state's Longding district a day before voting... [read more>>](#)

MANIPUR

AFSPA extended by another 6 months

Source: *e pao.net*, 2 April 2024

Barring places under 19 police stations, the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act or AFSPA, 1958 has been extended in Manipur for another six months with effect from April 1, 2024... [read more>>](#)

Fresh violence erupts in Manipur

Source: *Imphal Free Press*, 13 April 2024

Fresh firing erupted in Manipur after a gunfight between Kuki militants and Meitei village volunteers broke out at Pelyang Hill range which is 15 km north from Machi Police station, Tengnoupal district on Thursday... [read more>>](#)

Kuki militants attack fuel tankers, two drivers hurt, Timely act averts major disaster

Source: *e pao.net*, 17 April 2024

With a sinister motive to obstruct supply of essential commodities including fuel to the State, suspected Kuki militants attacked a convoy of goods carriers on Imphal-Jiribam highway today... [read more>>](#)

Border sealed 72 hours before polling day

Source: *e pao.net*, 24 April 2024

Tengnoupal DC cum ARO Krishna Kumar has said that the Indo-Myanmar border as well as inter-district boundary has been sealed 72 hours ahead of the 2nd phase of the Lok Sabha election scheduled on April 26... [read more>>](#)

IED explosion damages bridge on NH 2 in Manipur

Source: *The New Indian Express*, 24 April 2024

A bridge on the National Highway 2 in ethnic violence-hit Manipur's Kangpokpi district was partially damaged in an IED explosion early on Wednesday, disrupting traffic movement in the area, police said... [read more>>](#)

Kuki militants attack Meitei villages, bombard security camp, kill two CRPF jawans

Source: *e pao.net*, 28 April 2024

Two personnel of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) including one Sub Inspector were killed and two others sustained injuries in a daring attack launched by heavily armed Kuki militants past last midnight at Naranseina Meitei village, Bishnupur district under Moirang police station... [read more>>](#)

MEGHALAYA

HNLIC maintains silence over peace talk with govt

Source: *Northeast Now*, 21 April 2024

The future of peace talks between the Meghalaya government and the banned Hynniewtrep National Liberation Council (HNLIC) remains uncertain as the militant outfit has not responded to the government's recent appeal... [read more>>](#)

MIZORAM

Mizoram: Chin-Kuki-Mizo-Zomi group to protest India-Myanmar border fencing

Source: *Northeast Now*, 6 April 2024

A Mizo coalition representing the Chin-Kuki-Mizo-Zomi tribes across India, Bangladesh, and Myanmar announced plans to organize a rally along the India-Myanmar border in Mizoram on May 16... [read more>>](#)

Mizoram Governor meets acting Indian Ambassador to Myanmar

Source: *Northeast Now*, 13 April 2024

In order to strengthen ties between Myanmar and India, the acting Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Abhay Thakur paid a courtesy visit to Governor Hari Babu Kambhampati at the Raj Bhavan in Mizoram on Friday... [read more>>](#)

NAGALAND

Nagaland: FNR adopts Naga National Anthem, calls for unity in reconciliation

Source: *Northeast Now*, 12 April 2024

The Forum for Naga Reconciliation (FNR) has officially declared the adoption of the Naga National Anthem, penned and composed by former Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer R Kevichusa, following deliberations held on March 6 and April 13... [read more>>](#)

Lok Sabha elections 2024: Eastern Nagaland records 'nil' voting percentage

Source: *Northeast Now*, 20 April 2024

Responding to the Eastern Nagaland People's Organization's (ENPO) call to abstain from participating in the Lok Sabha elections, polling stations in the six districts of Eastern Nagaland remained deserted on Friday (April 19) as citizens adhered to the call, resulting in a record 'nil' voting percentage... [read more>>](#)

ARTICLES

A Way Forward: Redefining The Idea Of Manipur

Manipur has been evolving as an entity through the ages under different rulers with varying degrees of administrative and political control over hill areas. Dramatic changes in the Meitei society took place during the reign of Maharaj Pamheiba when Shantidas Gosai, a Hindu priest came to Kangleipak... [read more>>](#)

Myanmar's Pro-Democracy, Junta Forces Engage in Fierce Fighting Close to Indian Border

Fierce fighting has been going on in Myanmar's Sagaing region close to the India border between the pro-democracy forces and that country's military to retake some key towns from the National Unity Government (NUG)'s armed wing, the People's Defence Force (PDF)... [read more>>](#)

Indigenous Pathways to Peace

Many of the world's Indigenous peoples live in unstable areas, struggling to survive as conflicts, transnational organized criminal networks and extractive projects upend their lives and livelihoods... [read more>>](#)

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