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Dear Friends,

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

MWGSN & NEIWIP 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. What's 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 NEIWIP have been working for the past 15 years.

NEIWIP
Northeast India Women Initiative for Peace

NORTHEAST INDIA WOMEN INITIATIVE FOR PEACE (NEIWIP)

Northeast India Women Initiative for Peace (NEIWIP) 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.

NEIWIP 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.

RECENT MWGSN & NEIWIP ACTIVITIES

Assessment for Peace Garden at Yairipok Yambem

OUR WORK IN THE MEDIA

Asian Insider
S1E106: Guns, drugs, politics ravaging Manipur in India's north-east
Hear why most Manipuris - of different ethnic groups - just want an end to militarisation and violence.
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NEWS FROM NORTHEAST

ASSAM

Assam CM hails Centre's decision to fence entire India-Myanmar border
Source: *Northeast Now*, 6 February, 2023
Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, on Tuesday (February 06), hailed the central government for its decision to completely fence the entire India-Myanmar border in the Northeast. Commending the central..... [read more>>](#)

Hindu radical group launch poster campaign against Christian schools in Assam
Source: *Northeast Now*, 24 February, 2023
In a threat to Christian missionary schools across Assam, a Hindu radical group -Sanmilito Sanatan Samaj started poster campaigning in Guwahati and other parts of the state giving an ultimatum to missionaries..... [read more>>](#)

MANIPUR

Skeletal remains of village volunteer found at Nazareth
Source: *e-pao.net*, 1 February 2024
Skeletal remains suspected to be of Ngangom Nevi (20) who had been missing since May 28 after heading to Nazareth, Sokom village were found today. The skeletal remains were found at Sokom village, Chandel district..... [read more>>](#)

'Myanmar Kuki militants operate in Manipur'
Source: *e-pao.net*, 3 February 2024
After confessing their involvement in the killing of Moreh SDPO Chingtham Anandkumar, Moreh Defence Force (MDF) leader Philip Khaikholai Khongsai and his associate Hemkholai Mate have revealed that Kuki militants [read more>>](#)

Co-existence is the only answer : Meghen
Source: *e-pao.net*, 5 February 2024
Peaceful coexistence is the only hope for all communities in Manipur, and those challenging this must be faced unitedly, said former rebel leader RK Meghen. He said this while speaking at a public convention held at Khurkhol today..... [read more>>](#)

India ends Free Movement Regime
Source: *Imphal Free Press*, 9 February 2024
In a historic moment, Union Home Minister, Amit Shah on Thursday announced that the contentious Free Movement Regime (FMR) between India and Myanmar will be scrapped. Taking to X, Amit Shah said..... [read more>>](#)

Missing village volunteer found murdered
Source: *e-pao.net*, 12 February 2024
A village defence volunteer who was missing since February 8 has been found murdered. Ningthoujam Manisana (32) s/o (L) Jiljangamba of Sangaitheh Maning Leikai, a village defence volunteer..... [read more>>](#)

Fighting continues non-stop at Khamenlok ; Kuki militants target more Meitei villages; one killed
Source: *e-pao.net*, 14 February 2024
While fierce fighting has been continuing with short intervals for the third consecutive day since February 11 at Uyumpok, Nongsum and Khamenlok in the peripheral areas of Imphal East and Kangpokpi district..... [read more>>](#)

Manipur: Market shed to help displaced people
Source: *Imphal Free Press*, 15 February 2024
In a bid to boost the livelihood means for displaced people staying at relief camps, a market shed specially constructed for relief camp inmates at Wangkheh Keithel Ashangbi, Imphal was handed over to the people on Wednesday..... [read more>>](#)

Three including BSF man hurt in Kuki militants' firing, Sugnu, Pukhao Shantipur under attack
Source: *e-pao.net*, 16 February 2024
At least two village defenders and one BSF personnel sustained injuries as Kuki militants attacked Sugnu and Pukhao Shantipur yet again. Reportedly, the situation at both Sugnu and Pukhao-Shantipur is still tense..... [read more>>](#)

One killed, another hurt in blast
Source: *e-pao.net*, 24 February 2024
The deceased person has been identified as Oinam Kenegy (24) son of Ingocha of Upokpi in Bishnupur district while the injured is identified as Salam Michael (24) son of Iboncha of Keibul Lamjao..... [read more>>](#)

MEGHALAYA

Meghalaya government urges Centre to fence India-Bangladesh border
Source: *Northeast Now*, 14 February, 2023
The Meghalaya government has urged the central government to fence the India-Bangladesh international border in the state. In fact, the Meghalaya government has written to the ministry of home affairs (MHA) [read more>>](#)

MIZORAM

Current Myanmar Conflicts and its Impacts on Northeast: How does India respond?
Source: *Northeast Now*, 13 February, 2023
The political instability and civil war in Myanmar have significantly impacted its neighbouring countries, including India, especially the Northeastern region, ranging from refugee issues to the threat to its national security..... [read more>>](#)

Mizoram: CM stresses on need for enhanced border security infrastructure
Source: *East Mozo*, 18 February, 2023
In a meeting with the NGO Coordination Committee (NGOCC) on Saturday, Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma addressed pressing issues related to border security and emphasised the need for enhanced..... [read more>>](#)

Mizoram: Mizo groups demand retention of free movement regime with Myanmar
Source: *Northeast Now*, 21 February, 2023
A civil society group in Mizoram on Wednesday staged a peaceful demonstration in Aizawl to protest against the Centre's move to fence the 1,643-km long Indo-Myanmar border and end the Free Movement Regime (FMR) with Myanmar..... [read more>>](#)

NAGALAND

Nagaland: Fencing at India-Myanmar border will further complicate Naga issue, says NSCN-K (YA)
Source: *Northeast Now*, 4 February, 2023
The Yung Aung faction of the NSCN (K) warned that the government of India's move to fence the India-Myanmar border and scrap the Free Movement Regime (FMR) will not serve any purpose but will only invite provocation..... [read more>>](#)

Nagaland govt opposes Centre's decision to scrap FMR with Myanmar
Source: *Northeast Now*, 10 February, 2023
The Nagaland government has raised strong objection to the Centre's decision to scrap the free movement regime (FMR) with Myanmar. Speaking on the matter, Nagaland chief minister Neiphiu Rio said that the people..... [read more>>](#)

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