



Dear Friends,

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

As we embark on a new year, a year full of excitement and expectations in regard to human rights, disarmament and resilience against injustice across the globe, we would like to share that our work continues.

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 share 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.



## NORTHEAST WOMEN INITIATIVE FOR PEACE (NEIWIP)

**Northeast 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.

## NEWS FROM NORTHEAST

### ASSAM

#### Manipur going through civil war-like situation: Rahul Gandhi in Assam

Source: *Northeast Now*, 18 January, 2023

Senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, on Thursday (January 18), raised the issue of ongoing crisis in Manipur once again. Rahul Gandhi said that the Northeast state of Manipur is going through a situation similar to..... [read more>>](#)

#### Myanmar unrest: Hundreds of soldiers seek refuge in Mizoram

Source: *Northeast Now*, 19 January, 2023

The ongoing unrest in Myanmar has once again crossed international borders with the arrival of 278 soldiers seeking refuge in the Indian state of Mizoram. This influx comes amidst intensifying clashes between..... [read more>>](#)

### MANIPUR

#### Four killed in firing at Lilong

Source: *e-pao.net*, 2 January, 2023

Four persons got killed and 14 others sustained injuries in a firing incident that took place at LilongChingjao last night at around 7. Following the incidents, the locals burnt four vehicles (Gypsy) which were brought..... [read more>>](#)

#### Kuki militants attack SFs for 4th consecutive day, 8 hurt

Source: *e-pao.net*, 2 January, 2023

At least eight security personnel sustained injuries in an attack by Kuki militants at the border town of Moreh, today. Of the eight injured, five are special commando personnel while the remaining three are from BSF..... [read more>>](#)

#### 3 of 4 missing woodcutters found brutally murdered

Source: *e-pao.net*, 11 January, 2023

AOf the four individuals who went to HaotakMapallokChakpi Ching yesterday to cut and collect firewood, three have been found shot dead. Notably HaotakMapallokChakpi Hill is located to the western side of Wangoo..... [read more>>](#)

#### 4th man too found murdered

Source: *e-pao.net*, 13 January, 2023

With the recovery of the fourth body, it has now been confirmed that all the four individuals who went to Haotak MapalokChakpi Ching to collect firewood have been murdered by suspected Kuki militants..... [read more>>](#)

#### Moreh under siege : Kuki militants gun down two IRB men, injure three others

Source: *The Sengai Express*, 18 January, 2023

Heavily armed Kuki militants based in India and Myanmar launched their fiercest attack ever in the early morning today on the State security forces killing two personnel and injuring three others at Moreh..... [read more>>](#)

#### 5 civilians killed, Kuki terrorists attack multiple locations

Source: *e-pao.net*, 18 January, 2023

Five Meitei civilians including a father and son have been killed during the last 24 hours while six other persons including three commando personnel sustained bullet injuries as multiple locations and Meitei..... [read more>>](#)

#### Myanmar rebels possibly involved in Moreh attacks, says Manipur security advisor

Source: *Imphal Free Press*, 19 January, 2023

Manipur security advisor Kuldip Singh on Thursday stated that, as per intelligence report, there is a possibility of the involvement of People's Defence Force (PDF) insurgents operating in Moreh and some reinforcement..... [read more>>](#)

#### Manipur: 200 Myanmar refugees given free medical treatment

Source: *Northeast Now*, 26 January, 2023

Around 200 Myanmar refugees, currently taking shelter at different makeshifts in Manipur's Kamjong district bordering Myanmar, were given free medical treatment and medicines by doctors, officials said on Thursday..... [read more>>](#)

### MIZORAM

#### Mizoram Chief Minister opposes fencing Indo-Myanmar border

Source: *Northeast Now*, 4 January, 2023

Mizoram chief minister Lalduhoma said that any move to fence the Indo-Myanmar border was "unacceptable" for the Mizo people, an official statement Mizoram shares a 510-km long unfenced porous border with..... [read more>>](#)

#### Mizoram would continue assisting refugees from Myanmar, says CM Lalduhoma

Source: *Northeast Now*, 7 January, 2023

Mizoram chief minister Lalduhoma on Saturday said that his government would continue assisting refugees from Myanmar and internally displaced people from Manipur with the help of the Centre..... [read more>>](#)

#### Myanmar unrest: Hundreds of soldiers seek refuge in Mizoram

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#### Mizoram CM bats for President's Rule in Manipur

Source: *Northeast Now*, 20 January, 2023

Mizoram chief minister Lalduhoma has raised batted for imposition of President's Rule in the strife-torn Northeast state of Manipur. Mizoram CM Lalduhoma said that he expects President's Rule will be imposed..... [read more>>](#)

#### Mizoram: We can't stop Indo-Myanmar border fencing work, says CM Lalduhoma

Source: *Northeast Now*, 21 January, 2023

Mizoram chief minister Lalduhoma on Saturday said that Mizoram has no authority to stop the Centre from fencing the Indo-Myanmar border and scrapping the Free Movement Regime (FMR) in the international border..... [read more>>](#)

#### India sends back 184 of 276 Myanmar soldiers who fled to Mizoram

Source: *Northeast Now*, 23 January, 2023

India has sent back 184 out of 276 Myanmar soldiers who entered Mizoram last week following gunfights with an ethnic insurgent group, an Assam Rifles official said. The official said on Monday that the..... [read more>>](#)

### NAGALAND

#### Nagaland CM says discussion must on India-Myanmar border fencing issue

Source: *Northeast Now*, 4 January, 2023

Nagaland chief minister Neiphiu Rio has said that the issue of fencing of the India-Myanmar border must be discussed before being implemented. "If the need be then we have to work out a formula on how to..... [read more>>](#)

## NATIONAL

#### The Urgent Need For Empathy And Healing Touch In Manipur

Source: *The North East Today* 3 January

On that bloody night of May 3, 2023, Manipur witnessed an upheaval that altered the lives of thousands. Fleeing their homes with scant possessions, approximately 70,000 people found themselves internally displaced..... [read more>>](#)

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