



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. 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 issues 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 strategize an action plan for building peace, providing justice and political rights in the region ruptured by years of conflict.

RECENT MWGSN & NEIWIP ACTIVITIES

Distribution of sewing machines at relief camps

Psychosocial Support and Healing - Community Counselling and Group Therapy Session

NEWS FROM NORTHEAST

ASSAM

Assam: Indigenous group demands probe into killing of 3 'Hmar militants' in Cachar
Source: North East Now, 19 July 2024
The Indigenous People's Forum (IPF) has strongly condemned the killing of three youths belonging to Hmar community in an alleged encounter with Assam Police in Cachar district on July 17... [read more>>](#)

'Assam CM falsely claimed that Muslim population in state was 14% in 1951'
Source: North East Now, 22 July 2024
Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, recently, claimed that there has been a significance demographic changes in Assam. He said: "I have come from Assam, and the change in demography is a significant issue for me."... [read more>>](#)

MANIPUR

Appeal to halt further deportation of Myanmar refugees by Manipur government
Source: Imphal Free Press, 12 July 2024
Alarmed over the alleged deportation of 38 Myanmar Refugees by the Manipur Government, special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar... [read more>>](#)

CRPF trooper dies, cops hurt in ambush by Kuki militants Two houses, school torched in Babukhal; another set ablaze in GoakhalKarong
Source: e-pao.net, 14 July 2024
After attacking Mongbung/Meitei village from Seijang and Mongbung Kuki villages in Jiribam district on Saturday night, Kuki militants ambushed a combined team of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)... [read more>>](#)

Psychosocial issues, stress major issues of IDPs: Manipur health minister
Source: Imphal Free Press, 17 July 2024
Psychosocial and stress are the major issues of the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) besides the despair of having to abandon their homes, expressed Manipur Health Minister Sapam Ranjan on Monday... [read more>>](#)

24 Myanmar are verified using biometric in Tengnoupai: Manipur CM
Source: Imphal Free Press, 20 July 2024
Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh on Wednesday stated that 24 illegal Myanmar are immigrants have been detected in Govajang village, Tengnoupai district, and added that the biometric exercise will continue in Moreh and adjoining areas... [read more>>](#)

Manipur: Huge cache of arms and ammunitions seized
Source: Imphal Free Press, 20 July 2024
A combined team of Manipur police and the Indian Army recovered and seized a huge cache of arms and ammunition from Kangpokpi and Imphal East district during a 72-hour long joint operation... [read more>>](#)

Myanmar detainees demand release
Source: Imphal Free Press, 22 July 2024
A press conference was held on Saturday at the Office Chamber of the Superintendent, Manipur Central Jail, Imphal to clarify the defamation against Manipur Jail authorities by the founder of the India for Myanmar advocacy group... [read more>>](#)

Lt Gen HS Sahi, Maj Gen Ravroop Singh call on Manipur Governor
Source: Imphal Free Press, 25 July 2024
Lieutenant General HS Sahi, GOC HQ 3 Corps (Spear Corps) along with IGAR (South) Major General Ravroop Singh called on Manipur Governor, Anusuiya Ulkey at Raj Bhavan on Wednesday... [read more>>](#)

Manipur absent in Union budget
Source: Imphal Free Press, 25 July 2024
The presentation of the first budget of the Narendra Modi Government's 3rd term on Tuesday in Parliament by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman drew flak as there was no mention of any packages for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Manipur... [read more>>](#)

MIZORAM

Mizoram: Can't push back Bangladesh refugees, CM Lalduhoma tells PM Modi
Source: North East Now, 7 July 2024
Mizoram chief minister Lalduhoma has urged the Centre to understand the position of Mizoram in giving shelter to refugees from neighbouring Bangladesh, an official statement said... [read more>>](#)

Mizoram: Security to be beefed up in Lawngtlai district after reports of entry of Myanmar militants
Source: North East Now, 15 July 2024
Security will be tightened along the Indo-Myanmar border in south Mizoram's Lawngtlai district, Lawngtlai deputy commissioner Cheemala Siva Gopal Reddy said... [read more>>](#)

Over 1500 Myanmar refugees seek shelter in Mizoram
Source: North East Now, 17 July 2024
There has been a fresh influx of refugees from Myanmar into Mizoram. According to reports, over 1500 Myanmar nationals have sought refuge in Mizoram over the past one week... [read more>>](#)

Mizoram sees new influx of over 1,500 Myanmar refugees amid renewed violence
Source: The Statesman, 21 July 2024
Over the past week, Mizoram has witnessed a fresh influx of more than 1,500 Myanmar nationals fleeing violence in their homeland, officials reported... [read more>>](#)

NAGALAND

Nagaland: NSLSA provides Rs 36.85 lakh victim compensation to 17 people
Source: North East Now, 10 July 2024
The Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA) distributed Rs 36.85 lakh as victim compensation to 17 people for the financial year 2023-2024 under the Nagaland Victim Compensation Scheme, 2012... [read more>>](#)

ARTICLES

A Cold War next door
The anarchy in Myanmar since the February 2021 military coup is showing no respite. A violent resistance against the junta by the People's Defence Force of the Bamar people has become a potent challenger, having found ready allies in many of the country's ethnic insurgent groups fighting their own wars against the Union of Myanmar since the country became independent in 1948... [read more>>](#)

Indian-Origin Man in UK Allegedly Incited Communities in Manipur, Case Filed
An Indian-origin man who teaches in a UK university has been charged with allegedly inciting people in ethnic violence-hit Manipur with his online messages and talk sessions on a social media platform, according to a police complaint filed in the state capital Imphal... [read more>>](#)

Myanmar nationals strike in Indian prison to resist deportation
Nearly 100 refugees imprisoned in Manipur, India are protesting Indian authorities' plans to return them to Myanmar with a strike that has been ongoing for two weeks, according to social workers assisting them... [read more>>](#)

Menaka Guruswamy writes: New criminal codes, not an open and shut case
There has been a seismic shift in criminal law in India. The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS) has replaced the Indian Penal Code (IPC), 1860, the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023, has come in the stead of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 and the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 replaces the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973... [read more>>](#)

Drug traffickers take hold in Peru's Amazon as Indigenous leader killed
An Indigenous group in Peru's Amazon is saying drug traffickers are taking hold of the jungle after its leader was found dead earlier this week. Mariano Isaacama, leader of the Indigenous Kakataiko people, had been missing for weeks before his body washed up on the banks of a river in the central Aguaytia region on Sunday... [read more>>](#)

Tribal bloodshed shines spotlight on instability in strategically vital Papua New Guinea
A tribal clash in Papua New Guinea's remote highlands in which at least 26 people were killed has put a growing internal security problem under the microscope in the strategically vital South Pacific island nation that has garnered closer military attention from the United States and China... [read more>>](#)