

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER JUNE 2024

"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."
- Mother Teresa

Photo: Nagaland (Destination Nagaland)

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. 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 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 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.

RECENT MWGSN & NEIWP ACTIVITIES



Food Processing Training - Livelihood Skill Development & Support Program at Mangolganbi College Relief Camp, Ningthoukhong, Bishenpur District, Manipur



Humanitarian Support & Relief Services, Jiri, Manipur



Art for Peace and Healing - Drawing and Painting Art Classes for Children at Mekola Relief Camp, Imphal West, Manipur

NEWS FROM NORTHEAST

ASSAM

Assam: Security beefed up in Lakhimpur following violence in Manipur's Jiribam

Source: North East Now, 10 June 2024

In response to violence in Jiribam district of Manipur, which shares a border with Lakhimpur in Cachar district of Assam, security measures have been heightened in the area... [read more>>](#)

Manipur: Violence in Jiribam drives 600 people to seek refuge in Assam

Source: North East Now, 10 June 2024

Following violence in Jiribam district of Manipur, approximately 600 residents have fled to Cachar district in Assam for safety... [read more>>](#)

Assam introduces 'Nijut Moina' scheme to curb child marriages

Source: North East Now, 11 June 2024

Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma introduced the "Nijut Moina" scheme on Wednesday (June 12), aiming to combat child marriages by providing monthly stipends to all girl students from Class 11 to post-graduation over the next five years... [read more>>](#)

MANIPUR

Fresh violence in Manipur: 70 houses, 2 police outposts torched in Jiribam, curfew imposed

Source: The Irrawaddy, 8 June 2024

At least 70 houses, two police outposts and a forest office were torched after fresh violence erupted in Manipur's Jiribam district on Saturday. Officials said a contingent of more than 70 state police commandos was airlifted from Imphal to Jiribam to assist security personnel in their operations against militants... [read more>>](#)

Manipur Crisis: 943 including women, children seek refuge in Jiribam camps

Source: Imphal Free Press, 13 June 2024

As many as 943 individuals of Jiribam in Manipur have been forcibly displaced following the recent spate of violence in the district in which several houses and properties were set ablaze by armed miscreants... [read more>>](#)

38 Myanmar nationals deported

Source: Imphal Free Press, 14 June 2024

The Government of Manipur has deported 38 Myanmar nationals, including 11 children, to their home country Myanmar through the Integrated Check Post (ICP), Moreh on Tuesday... [read more>>](#)

Militants torch school near Moreh ahead of inauguration

Source: Imphal Free Press, 15 June 2024

Suspected Kuki Militants torched a government residential school ahead of its inauguration at T Minou, located in Tengnoupal district, located 7 kilometers from Moreh Police Station in Tengnoupal district on Wednesday, around 9 pm... [read more>>](#)

Deport illegal immigrants, Nagas demand

Source: Imphal Free Press, 16 June 2024

Naga frontal organisations have urged Union Home Minister Amit Shah to repatriate "illegal immigrants and fugitives" of Myanmar to their country... [read more>>](#)

Illegal immigrants found residing in Manipur's Tengnoupal district

Source: Imphal Free Press, 17 June 2024

Amid the state facing issues on influx of illegal immigrants from Myanmar, illegal immigrants were found residing in Tengnoupal district of Manipur without the knowledge of the government... [read more>>](#)

Influx from Myanmar a grave concern, India informs UN

Source: Imphal Free Press, 21 June 2024

First secretary, Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations in Geneva, Kshitij Tyagi has expressed that increased influx of people from Myanmar into India's Northeastern states... [read more>>](#)

MIZORAM

More Kuki-Chin refugees arrive in Mizoram following unrest in Bangladesh

Source: North East Now, 19 June 2024

Approximately 30 additional refugees, constituting nine families, have sought refuge in Mizoram from the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) of Bangladesh, according to officials on Tuesday (June 18)... [read more>>](#)

India alarmed over influx of Myanmar refugees into Manipur and Mizoram

Source: North East Now, 20 June 2024

Kshitij Tyagi, first secretary at the permanent mission of India to the United Nations in Geneva, has expressed grave concerns over the increasing influx of Myanmar nationals into the Northeast states, particularly Manipur and Mizoram... [read more>>](#)

Centre assures Mizoram of relief assistance for Manipur IDPs & refugees from Myanmar, Bangladesh

Source: North East Now, 22 June 2024

The Centre has promised to give assistance to the Mizoram government to provide relief to refugees from Myanmar, Bangladesh and internally displaced people from Manipur, who are taking shelter in the northeastern state, an official statement said... [read more>>](#)

NAGALAND

Left alone: End of FMR leaves Nagas, Kukis staring at uncertain future

Source: East Mojo, 14 June 2024

Dressed in Western formals and topped up with an attractively embroidered waistcoat with traditional motifs, Samuel Haokip left the venue of ChavangKut in the Churachandpur district of Manipur towards the border town of Moreh... [read more>>](#)

Nagas once voted for a separate nation: But is the plebiscite dream dead now?

Source: East Mojo, 25 June 2024

Seventy-three years ago, the Naga people made a historic decision that continues to resonate today. Few people outside Nagaland remember the significance of this day, when nearly 99.9% of Nagas gave their thumb impression for a "Sovereign Nagaland"... [read more>>](#)

ARTICLES

Manipur's Meira Paibis: Inter-sectional activism, regional bias, media misconstruction

The women led movement in India is a diverse and multifaceted phenomenon that reflects the country's vast cultural, social, and political landscape. One of the most distinctive and influential women's organizations in this tapestry is the Meira Paibi of Manipur... [read more>>](#)

"Increased Influx Of People From Myanmar Into Northeast A Grave Concern": India At UN

India on Tuesday reiterated that it supports the ASEAN-led efforts and the ASEAN Five-Point Consensus to resolve the precarious humanity and security situation in neighbouring Myanmar. India said it remains steadfast in its support for Myanmar's transition towards an inclusive federal democracy... [read more>>](#)

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