



Dear Friends,

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

MWGSN & NEIWIIP 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 NEIWIIP have been working for the past 15 years.

**NEIWIIP**  
Northeast India Women Initiative for Peace

**NORTHEAST INDIA WOMEN INITIATIVE FOR PEACE (NEIWIIP)**

**Northeast India Women Initiative for Peace (NEIWIIP)** 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.

**NEIWIIP** 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.



Indigenous Pathways to Peace: Towards Peace, Coexistence, Reconciliation and Healing in Northeast India, 7 May 2024 at Imphal Hotel, Sirroy Hall

## NEWS FROM NORTHEAST

### ASSAM

#### Atrocities on indigenous people of Assam by Bangladeshis increased during BJP regime: PVM

Source: [Northeast Now, 20 May 2024](#)  
Prabajan Virodhi Manch (PVM) expressed grave concerns over what they allege to be a surge in atrocities against indigenous people of Assam by Bangladeshi individuals under the BJP-led government... [read more>>](#)

### MANIPUR

#### Illegal growth of 996 villages detected: CM

Source: [e-pao.net, 1 May 2024](#)  
Chief Minister N Biren has categorically stated that the influx of illegal immigrants from Myanmar and establishment of hundreds of unauthorised villages in the State is a threat to National security and the survival of natives... [read more>>](#)

#### 38 more illegal immigrants deported

Source: [e-pao.net, 2 May 2024](#)  
The first phase of deportation of illegal immigrants from Myanmar has been completed with 38 more immigrants leaving Manipur today through Moreh, said Chief Minister N Biren Singh in a post on microblogging site "X"... [read more>>](#)

#### Meitei, Kuki bodies mark one year of ethnic conflict

Source: [e-pao.net, 4 May 2024](#)  
Showcasing the continuing ethnic hostility, Meitei and Kuki-Zomi communities on Friday organised separate events in their respective areas to mark the one-year of ethnic violence in the state... [read more>>](#)

#### 5457 illegal immigrants detected at Kamjong : CM

Source: [e-pao.net, 24 April 2024](#)  
The Government has detected 5,457 illegal immigrants in Kamjong as of May 7, 2024, said Chief Minister N Biren Singh on Wednesday as he raised the issue of illegal immigrants on his social media handle again... [read more>>](#)

#### NE insurgents fight Myanmar rebels at Myo Thit

Source: [e-pao.net, 12 May 2024](#)  
An intense gun battle erupted between insurgent groups from Northeast India and Myanmar's rebel factions, the PDF and KNF(B), near Myo Thit in Myanmar, close to Kamjong district along the Indo-Myanmar border... [read more>>](#)

#### "Manipur violence has links to drive against illegal immigrants" Govt will continue deportation of illegal immigrants: CM

Source: [e-pao.net, 13 May 2024](#)  
Chief Minister N Biren Singh has categorically stated that the State Government will continue to deport illegal immigrants settling in the State... [read more>>](#)

#### Are Myanmar, Manipur mere pawns of geopolitics?

Source: [e-pao.net, 13 May 2024](#)  
In the intricate web of global politics, the ongoing conflict in Myanmar and Manipur are not isolated incidents as reported by Western media but rather pieces in a larger geopolitical puzzle... [read more>>](#)

#### 2480 illegal immigrants detected prior to violence: CM

Source: [e-pao.net, 13 May 2024](#)  
Chief minister N Biren on Sunday said 2480 illegal immigrants were detected in the state in 2023 but the campaign was cut short after violence broke out on May 3 last year... [read more>>](#)

#### Naga body warns against threats to Nagas in Imphal

Source: [East Mojo, 13 May 2024](#)  
The Manipur Naga Youth Organisation (MNYO) has raised concerns over threats and intimidations faced by the Naga community living in the Imphal area... [read more>>](#)

#### Number of refugees much more than locals at many places in Kamjong Shift refugee camps to confined areas: Villagers to Govt.

Source: [e-pao.net, 20 May 2024](#)  
Residents of the border villages of Kamjong district have urged the Government to shift all the refugee camps to confined areas... [read more>>](#)

#### Meitei and Kuki-Zo Delegates Hold First Open Peace Meeting in Guwahati

Source: [Ukhrul Times, 21 May 2024](#)  
In an interesting development, some delegates of the Kuki-Zo community and some delegates of the Meitei community came together at a table in Guwahati recently along with some Naga leaders and Tamil delegates of Moreh town to find ways for the restoration of peace in Manipur, according to some delegates who participated in the meeting... [read more>>](#)

#### Indian government aiding PDF against junta government: NSCN (I-M)

Source: [Imphal Free Press, 22 May 2024](#)  
The NSCN (I-M) on Monday stated that the US and the Indian government aiding the militia called PDF (People's Defense Force) to overthrow the junta government in Myanmar is now an open secret... [read more>>](#)

#### Arrest culprits involved in desecration of Pakhangba shrine, urges Rajya Sabha MP Sanajaoba Leishemba

Source: [Imphal Free Press, 22 May 2024](#)  
Rajya Sabha MP Sanajaoba Leishemba on Thursday stressed the need for the state authorities to protect ancient religious shrines and sites so as to safeguard the ancient indigenous beliefs of Manipur... [read more>>](#)

### MIZORAM

#### 200 refugees from Myanmar's Chin and Bangladesh's Chittagong enter Mizoram

Source: [Northeast Now, 14 May 2024](#)  
More than 200 refugees from Myanmar's Chin state and Bangladesh's Chittagong Hill Tracts entered south Mizoram Lawngtlai district bordering Bangladesh and Myanmar, an official said... [read more>>](#)

#### Thousands rally in Mizoram against India-Myanmar border fencing

Source: [Northeast Now, 18 May 2024](#)  
Thousands of people joined rallies across Mizoram to voice their opposition to the Centre's decision to fence the India-Myanmar border and scrap the free movement regime (FMR) with Myanmar... [read more>>](#)

#### Mizoram: AR apprehend Chin resistance force cadre

Source: [East Mojo, 21 May 2024](#)  
Assam Rifles intercepted an active cadre of the Chin Defence Force (CDF) along with ammunition and tactical supplies at Tulipang Village in the Siahla district of Mizoram on Saturday... [read more>>](#)

#### Over 36,500 refugees from Myanmar take shelter in Mizoram

Source: [Northeast Now, 23 May 2024](#)  
More than 1,000 Myanmar refugees have crossed the India border and entered Mizoram following an armed struggle between Myanmar military and anti-junta regime forces raising the total number of Myanmar nationals taking refuge in the northeastern state to over 36,500... [read more>>](#)

## ARTICLES

### ICJ Appeals to India to 'Immediately Halt Forced Returns' of Myanmar Refugees

Barely a week after Manipur chief minister N. Biren Singh had announced on X (formerly Twitter) that his government had "completed the first phase of deportation" of 77 refugees who had entered the northeastern state from Myanmar, the International Committee of Jurists (ICJ) has urged India to "immediately halt" their "forced returns" to the strife-torn country and "respect the non-refoulement principle"... [read more>>](#)

### ICC prosecutor seeks arrest of Israeli and Hamas leaders

The chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) has applied for arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Hamas's leader in Gaza, Yahya Sinwar, for war crimes... [read more>>](#)

### Indian Voters Are Being Bombarded With Millions of Deepfakes. Political Candidates Approve

ON A STIFLING April afternoon in Ajmer, in the Indian state of Rajasthan, local politician Shakti Singh Rathore sat down in front of a greenscreen to shoot a short video. He looked nervous... [read more>>](#)

### Indian forces helping Kuki militants to wage war against Meitei groups in Myanmar: NSCN

NSCN accused the Indian security forces of using "the Kukis as frontal forces to engage in bloody discord against the Nagas, giving all logistics support to the Kuki militant groups"... [read more>>](#)

### Mizoram: Bombings and Air Raids Seen as Fighting at Myanmar Border Intensifies

Rebel forces in Myanmar continue to engage in fierce fights with the country's military close to the India border, capturing two towns close to the border since May 19... [read more>>](#)

### Manipur: Various districts are inundated by overflowing flood from nearby rivers affecting normal life in state

In Manipur, the low-lying dwelling areas in different districts have submerged in the water overflowing from the nearby rivers affecting normal life in the State... [read more>>](#)

### 3 killed, thousands affected by floods in Manipur

Imphal: Three persons were killed while thousands were affected by floods triggered by heavy rain in Manipur's Imphal valley, officials said on Thursday... [read more>>](#)