

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2024



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



6th Northeast India Indigenous Women Peace Congregation, held on 28th October 2024 at Guwahati, Assam

NEWS FROM NORTHEAST

ASSAM

Assam: RPF of NFR nabs 256 illegal immigrants in 9 months

Source: [North East Now](#), 6 October 2024

The Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Assam's Guwahati-based Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) has nabbed 256 illegal immigrants and 18 agents within a period of nine months... [read more>>](#)

Assam: AFSPA extended in 4 districts for 6 months

Source: [North East Now](#), 9 October 2024

The Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) has been extended in four districts of Assam - Tinsukia, Dibrugarh, Charaideo and Sivasagar - for a period of six months, with effect from October 1, 2024... [read more>>](#)

MANIPUR

Hostage exchange demand absurd: UCM, IPSA

Source: [e-pao.net](#), 1 October 2024

United Committee Manipur (UCM) president YK Dhiren has strongly condemned the demands put forward for exchanging the two youths held hostage by Kuki terrorists with a Kuki individual currently in the custody of National Investigation Agency (NIA)... [read more>>](#)

Geneva protest marks 500 days of Manipur violence

Source: [e-pao.net](#), 2 October 2024

To draw attention to the 500 days of continuous violence in Manipur, Meitei diaspora in Europe and activists from India's northeastern region organised a protest in front of the United Nations Office in Geneva, Switzerland, on Tuesday... [read more>>](#)

2 hostages set free, 11 Kuki prisoners released

Source: [e-pao.net](#), 2 October 2024

As many as 11 under trial Kuki prisoners have been released from Manipur Central Jail, Sajwa in the wee hours today. With the release of the Kuki prisoners, the two Meitei youths held hostage by Kukis were also set free this morning... [read more>>](#)

Manipur: Arms, explosives found in rice bags, seized

Source: [Imphal Free Press](#), 7 October 2024

A combined security force seized a substantial cache of arms and explosives concealed inside three rice bags at Wabagai Nalekhong Turenmei under Hiyanglam Police Station in Kakching district, Manipur on Saturday... [read more>>](#)

Refugees outnumbering border villages' population

Source: [Imphal Free Press](#), 26 October 2024

The issue of refugees and illegal immigrants from the neighbouring country of Myanmar in bordering villages in Manipur has become a serious issue in recent times especially following the clash that broke out in the state in May last year... [read more>>](#)

MEGHALAYA

Drug trafficking increases in Meghalaya due to Manipur unrest, says Paul Lyngdoh

Source: [North East Now](#), 17 October 2024

Meghalaya is facing a surge in illegal drug trafficking, primarily due to the ongoing unrest in neighboring Manipur, said Social Welfare Minister Paul Lyngdoh... [read more>>](#)

Meghalaya: KHADC seeks amendment to protect indigenous tribes' land rights

Source: [North East Now](#), 31 October 2024

The Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council (KHADC) has called on the central government to amend the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950, to recognize only indigenous tribes as Scheduled Tribes (STs) in Meghalaya... [read more>>](#)

MIZORAM

Assam Rifles, Mizoram police seize detonators, weapons

Source: [North East Now](#), 15 October 2024

In a joint operation on Monday, Assam Rifles and Mizoram Police recovered a substantial cache of explosives near the Tayo River in Champhai district, bordering Myanmar... [read more>>](#)

YMA urges govt for proper shelter homes for refugees

Source: [North East Now](#), 26 October 2024

The Young Mizo Association (YMA) has urged the Mizoram government to establish proper shelter homes for the over 42,000 refugees taking shelter in the state... [read more>>](#)

ARTICLES

Manipur solution lies in reconcile, reform, disarm. Not in dramatics

The ethnic conflict that erupted in Manipur on May 3 last year continues, with occasional flare-ups marked by brutality and violence of the worst kind. However, unlike the historical neglect of northeastern issues, this conflict has remained in the spotlight - ironically due to the relative silence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the dramatised eloquence of the Leader of the Opposition, Rahul Gandhi... [read more>>](#)

Manipur: What's behind India's failure to bring peace?

More than a year after deadly ethnic violence broke out between the majority Meitei community and the minority Kuki in India's northeastern state of Manipur, tensions continue to rage. Peace has remained elusive and - according to many in the state - so has a concrete action from the government... [read more>>](#)

Rs 31,000 cr to be spent to fence 1,643 km India-Myanmar border

The entire 1,643 km porous India-Myanmar border, known for the smuggling of arms, ammunition and narcotics, will be fenced at a cost of Rs 31,000 crore. On Tuesday, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said fencing work had been completed in 30 km of the border, which he termed the root cause of the ethnic violence in Manipur... [read more>>](#)

United Nations adopts ground-breaking Pact for the Future to transform global governance

World leaders today adopted a Pact for the Future that includes a Global Digital Compact and a Declaration on Future Generations. This Pact is the culmination of an inclusive, years-long process to adapt international cooperation to the realities of today and the challenges of tomorrow... [read more>>](#)

Another escalation: On the Manipur ground report

In a significant deterioration of an already fraught situation in Manipur, two persons were killed and at least nine were injured in a bomb attack using drones in villages in the Meitei-majority Imphal West district... [read more>>](#)

VIDEOS

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