



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.



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NEWS FROM NORTHEAST

ASSAM

Northeast Frontier Railway's RPF rescues 500 minors, 45 women in 8 months

Source: North East Now, 8 September 2024

The Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Northeast Frontier Railway (NF Railway) has rescued a total of 500 minors and 45 women during different checking drives... [read more>>](#)

Assam: Myanmar refugees lodged in Goalpara transit camp launch hunger strike

Source: North East Now, 10 September 2024

A least 103 Rohingya and Chin refugees from Myanmar, including women and children, lodged in the Matia transit camp in Assam's Goalpara district... [read more>>](#)

Victims of "fake encounter" file FIR against 4 Assam police officers

Source: North East Now, 13 September 2024

Three victims of an alleged fake encounter case have filed a First Information Report (FIR) against four Assam police officers and at least ten other police personnel... [read more>>](#)

MANIPUR

In a first Kuki militants take a leaf out of Myanmar militants and use weaponised drones to attack Kadangband and Koutruk, Woman killed in fresh attacks, 10 others injured in co-ordinated offensives

Source: e-pao.net 2 September 2024

One woman was killed while 10 others were injured in a full blown attack by Kuki militants at Kadangband and Koutruk from Bethel Kuki village, today... [read more>>](#)

Manipur Violence: Kuki militants attack Moirang with long-range rocket, one dead, five injured

Source: Imphal Free Press, 8 September 2024

Kuki militants intensified attacks towards Meitei civilian areas on Friday with a rocket fired at Moirang Mairambam Leikai in Bishnupur district around 3 pm... [read more>>](#)

Kuki militants attack Jiribam, Sugnu villages

Source: e-pao.net 9 September 2024

After a man was killed by armed Kuki militants while he was asleep on Saturday morning followed by gun battle in Jiribam district, Kuki militants... [read more>>](#)

Protest held in Delhi against aerial bombing on civilians

Source: Imphal Free Press, 16 September 2024

The Delhi Meitei Co-ordinating Committee (DMCC) and Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI), with the support of Meitei Alliance ... [read more>>](#)

Manipur: 28.5 kg IEDs seized in hills adjoining Imphal East district

Source: Imphal Free Press, 21 September 2024

A combined team of the Indian Army and Manipur Police seized a large quantity of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) in the hilly area near Bongjang and Itham ... [read more>>](#)

Security advisor Kuldip Singh confirms intel about 900 trained Kuki militants entering Manipur

Source: Imphal Free Press, 23 September 2024

Security advisor to the Manipur Government Kuldip Singh on Friday stated that intelligence reports have been shared with security chiefs regarding the infiltration of over 900 trained armed militants... [read more>>](#)

More than three Speakers urge UNHRC to address ongoing turmoil in Manipur

Source: India Today NE, 26 September 2024

During the 26th Meeting of the 57th Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), a chorus of voices emerged to demand immediate international attention to the ongoing turmoil in Manipur and the broader Northeast region of India... [read more>>](#)

"Where have the 900 influx militants gone?"

Source: Imphal Free Press, 27 September 2024

Political activist Sapamcha Kangleipal expressed frustration over what he termed as tactics used by the central government to instill fear and suppress the Meitei community by invoking terms like "President's Rule," "AFSPA," and the "900 Kukis"... [read more>>](#)

MEGHALAYA

Meghalaya: Indo-Bangla border fencing "error" leaves 82 Indian families in limbo, Minister seeks Home Ministry's intervention

Source: North East Now, 7 September 2024

In what has been termed to be a critical error, the Indo-Bangladesh border fencing construction has allegedly resulted in at least 82 families in Meghalaya being displaced to the "no man's zone"... [read more>>](#)

MIZORAM

Mizoram: CM advocates for Zo Unification at Mizo Day 2024 held in USA

Source: East Mozo, 4 September 2024

On September 2 (US Eastern Time Zone), the Mizo Society of America hosted a grand celebration of Mizo Day, 2024, in Rockville, Maryland, USA. Chief Minister Lalduhoma, along with his wife, Liansalovi, and his granddaughter, Zodinthari, attended the event... [read more>>](#)

Mizoram: CYLA backs Centre's plan to fence border with Myanmar

Source: North East Now, 14 September 2024

Amid strong opposition from successive Mizoram governments and various civil society organisations in the state to the proposed fencing of the Mizoram-Myanmar border, Central Young Lai Association (CYLA) has endorsed the Centre's plan to fence the international border, a CYLA leader said... [read more>>](#)

RTI exposes Mizoram's discriminatory policies against minority religious group

Source: East Mozo, 19 September 2024

An RTI query filed by Seventh-Day Adventist Church members has revealed possible internalised religious discriminatory policies within the Mizoram government... [read more>>](#)

NAGALAND

Nagaland: Dimapur police intensify checks to curb illegal immigration

Source: North East Now, 7 September 2024

Nagaland police have activated intensive checking of movement of suspected illegal immigrants at various inter-state entry points and check gates and set up three checking counters at Dimapur railway station round the clock, Dimapur commissioner of police Kevithuto Sophie said in a release on Saturday... [read more>>](#)

Nagaland enforces ILP in Dimapur, Chumoukedima, and Niuland districts to curb illegal immigration

Source: India Today NE, 12 September 2024

The Nagaland government decided to enforce the Inner Line Permit (ILP) in the Dimapur, Chumoukedima, and Niuland districts of the state... [read more>>](#)

Naga students' body condemns AFSPA extension in Nagaland

Source: North East Now, 27 September 2024

The Naga Students' Federation (NSF) on Friday expressed strong resentment and vehement opposition to the extension of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) in eight districts of Nagaland... [read more>>](#)

TRIPURA

Tripura Insurgency Ends As Last 2 Rebel Groups Sign "Historic" Peace Deals: Amit Shah

Source: NDTV, 4 September 2024

Two insurgent groups in Tripura have agreed to give up arms and join the mainstream in a historic peace agreement signed with the Centre and the state government... [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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