




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. 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 2025, 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.



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



Call for UN International Decade on Indigenous Peacebuilding - New York, April 24 - 25, 2025 :: UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues [Read full stories >>](#)



Global Strategy Meeting on Indigenous Peacebuilding successfully held. @UN4Indigenous




Indigenous Peacebuilding as a Pathway towards Peace, Healing & Planetary Health side event successfully held on 24 April 2025.



International Earth Day: Promoting Indigenous Food Sovereignty - Cultivating Native Vegetables and Fruits, 22 April 2025, Manipur

VIDEOS



Call for UN International Decade on Indigenous Peacebuilding - New York, April 24 - 25, 2025 :: UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

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NEWS FROM NORTHEAST

ASSAM

Assam's Moran community observe Bohag Bihu with traditional 'Goru Bihu' celebrations in Kakopathar
Source: India Today NE, 16 April 2025
The Moran community, one of Assam's prominent indigenous ethnic groups, marked the beginning of Bohag Bihu with the celebration of Goru Bihu on Wednesday, April 16 in Kakopthar under Tinsukia district. [Read more>>](#)

Assam: Bodoland University hosts symposium on indigenous knowledge
Source: India Today NE, 6 April 2025
Bodoland University successfully hosted a one-day international symposium titled 'Preserving and Promoting Indigenous Knowledge: Connecting People & The Revitalization of Indigenous Knowledge Systems in Northeast India' on April 5, 2025... [Read more>>](#)

MANIPUR

Ukhruil mass rally against border fencing today
Source: e-pao.net, 2 April 2025
Tangkhuil Naga Long (TNL) and Tangkhul Frontal Organisations, under the aegis of the United Naga Council (UNC), are gearing up to hold a mass rally at Ukhruil district headquarters on Wednesday (April 2)... [Read more>>](#)

Mob lynches man for sharing video of burning Quran
Source: e-pao.net, 5 April 2025
A 26-year-old man was lynched by an irate mob in Yairipok after he allegedly shared a video of himself burning the Quran and making statements against the holy book of Islam... [Read more>>](#)

Meitei, Kuki-Zo representatives hold first round of peace talks with MHA officials at New Delhi Proposal to open all highways meet with 'need to consult people first' from Kuki-Zo representatives
Source: e-pao.net, 6 April 2025
For the first time since the violent crisis broke out on May 3, 2023, representatives of Meitei civil society organisations and Kuki-Zo representatives sat together... [Read more>>](#)

Minor girl raped in CCpur, ZMA condemns
Source: e-pao.net, 6 April 2025
In yet another shocking incident a 10 year old girl was allegedly raped in the western side of Churachandpur town on Friday. Sources said the incident marked the third of such disturbing crime on minor girls in the district this year... [Read more>>](#)

Muslim orgs oppose Waqf (Amendment) Bill 2025, demand withdrawal
Source: e-pao.net, 6 April 2025
The All Manipur Muslim Students' Organisation (AMMPACO), the All Manipur Muslim Students' Organisation (AMMSO) and social worker Sakir Ahmed have strongly opposed the Waqf (Amendment) Bill 2025 passed by the Parliament... [Read more>>](#)

Myanmar civil war: Mizoram gateway for western mercenaries
Source: e-pao.net, 7 April 2025
Mizoram, the northeastern Indian state bordering Myanmar's conflict-ridden Chin State, is emerging as a key entry point for foreign mercenaries - particularly Western veterans - into Myanmar... [Read more>>](#)

Upper Chin state fratricide worries UZO
Source: e-pao.net, 11 April 2025
United Zou Organisation (UZO) General Headquarters has issued an appeal for immediate ceasefire and restoration of peace and normalcy in Upper Chin state, Zogam, Myanmar, following recent violent clashes among ethnically allied armed groups... [Read more>>](#)

Displaced for 33 years, Mangkang villagers continue fight for lost homeland
Source: e-pao.net, 20 April 2025
For the last 33 years, residents of the erstwhile Mangkang Naga village in Tengnoupal district have lived in a state of exile, unable to return to their ancestral land after fleeing during the Naga-Kuki clash in 1992... [Read more>>](#)

Mysterious death of Manipur girl at Delhi JAC urges Governor, CS for proper probe
Source: India Today NE, 24 April 2025
A Joint Action Committee, formed in connection with the death of Kh Priyaluxmi in Delhi's Sunlight Colony, has urged the Governor and Chief Secretary to intervene for strict investigation of the case... [Read more>>](#)

MIZORAM

Mizoram's civil societies restrict Myanmarese refugees from local trade
Source: Northeast Now, 7 April 2025
Civil societies in Mizoram's Maitum and Lawngtlai towns on Saturday issued directives to restrict the movement and participation of Myanmarese refugees in local trade... [Read more>>](#)

Myanmar national arrested in Mizoram with heroin worth Rs. 1.77 cr
Source: Northeast Now, 7 April 2025
A Myanmar national has been arrested in east Mizoram's Champhai district for possessing heroin worth Rs. 1.77 crore during a joint operation by Assam Rifles and Mizoram police... [Read more>>](#)

MEGHALAYA

Pahalgam attack: Meghalaya tightens security along Bangladesh border
Source: India Today NE, 23 April 2025
Two days after the Pahalgam terror attack, the Meghalaya government on Thursday asked security agencies to intensify vigilance along the 443-km-long international border with Bangladesh, officials said... [Read more>>](#)

Meghalaya BSF apprehends 78 Bangladeshis in major push against cross-border infiltration
Source: India Today NE, 23 April 2025
A total of 78 Bangladeshis nationals were apprehended by the Border Security Force (BSF) Meghalaya Frontier in the first quarter of 2025, marking a significant push against illegal infiltration and cross-border crime along the Indo-Bangladesh border... [Read more>>](#)

NAGALAND

Nagaland: Rally against Indo-Myanmar border fencing in Kohima
Source: Northeast Now, 6 April 2025
The Angami Public Organisation (APO), along with all Naga tribe units in Kohima, has called a public rally in Kohima town on April 9 in protest against the Indo-Myanmar border fencing and other related issues... [Read more>>](#)

ARTICLES

Manipur Woman's Churachandpur House Was Bombed, Now She Fights For Internally Displaced People

A woman from Manipur's Meitei community whose house in Churachandpur was razed with explosives met a top judicial officer of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) in Delhi... [Read more>>](#)

Manipur: Kuki Leaders Set Conditions for Ceasefire Ahead of April 5 Peace Talks

Kuki leaders from Manipur's Kangpokpi district have outlined three firm preconditions for a ceasefire ahead of the crucial April 5 peace talks between the Kuki-Zo and Meitei communities... [Read more>>](#)

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