



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.

The August issue of the newsletter brings some of the important work we did this summer which included taking part in International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples on 8 August as well as organizing an indigenous women peace congregation on 10 August in Imphal which marked 120 years of Manipur's historic Nupi Lan. The event also marked the exchange of 'Seeds of Peace' between different communities of Manipur. Our team also conducted a workshop with children in a relief camp with Padmasree Lourembam Bino Devi Padmasree.



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 strategise an action plan for building peace, providing justice and political rights in the region ruptured by years of conflict.



Revised edition of "CheitharolKumbaba - The Royal Chronicle of Manipur" by Nepram Bihari successfully launched and held panel discussion at New Delhi's India International Centre on 27 August 2025. [Read more >>](#)



Successfully held workshop on preserving the Indigenous Art form of Applique (Liba or Phiriba) in Manipur by Lourembam Bino Devi (Padma Shri Award Winner, 2022) on 20 August 2025, Thambalkhong Sabal Leikai Relief Camp, Imphal East [Read more >>](#)



Indigenous women peace congregation - Commemorating 120 years of Historic Nupi Lan Women's Non Violent Movement in Manipur and Strengthening Indigenous Women's Initiative for peace - held on 10 August 2025, Imphal Hotel. [Read more >>](#)

VIDEOS



Exclusive interview of Binalakshmi Nepram (Founder & Dir - Manipur Women Gun Survivors Network) on SKTV's Beyond Headlines by Raj Nongthombam

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NEWS FROM NORTHEAST

ASSAM

Women's group in Assam opposes arms licences for Indigenous people in sensitive areas

Source: India Today NE, 9 August 2025

The Nari Nagarik Manch, a women's collective in Assam, has urged the state government to withdraw its decision to grant arms licences to "indigenous people in sensitive areas," warning it could fuel gun culture, escalate gender violence, and even trigger civil conflicts... [read more>>](#)

Indigenous tribes raise alarm over inclusion of non-tribals in Tirap tribal belt

Source: India Today NE, 20 August 2025

A strong wave of resentment has erupted among Assam's tribal communities after the state government extended protected class status to several non-tribal groups within the historic Tirap Tribal Belt in Tinsukia district... [read more>>](#)

"We will not sell our land to strangers": Dhubri's indigenous community vows to protect ancestral land from outsiders

Source: India Today NE, 23 August 2025

Hundreds of members of the indigenous Deshi community gathered at Madhushaulmari village in Gauripur for a key meeting of the Deshi Janagosthiya Mancha, Assam (Dhubri District Committee) to discuss pressing concerns over land conservation and cultural preservation... [read more>>](#)

MANIPUR

Peace Maker Artistes Association celebrates 23rd Foundation Day, Honours senior Shumang Leela icons

Source: Imphal Times, 5 August 2025

The Peace Maker Artistes Association, one of Manipur's leading Shumang Leela groups, celebrated its 23rd Foundation Day with much fanfare and reverence at the Iboiyama Shumang Leela Shanglien, Imphal... [read more>>](#)

Revised English version of Cheitharol Kumbaba released

Source: Chronicle News Service, 9 August 2025

Revised edition of English version of 'Cheitharol Kumbaba', also known as the royal chronicle of Manipur translated from Meetei script by Nepram Bihari, was released on Friday... [read more>>](#)

Call for unity rings loud on Indigenous Peoples Day

Source: The Sangai Express, 10 August 2025

Yelhoumee Phurup observed the International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples at the premises of the Manipur State Film Development Society (MSFDS), Imphal today... [read more>>](#)

Workshop on "Intercultural Resources and Peace Building" conducted

Source: The Sangai Express, 22 August 2025

A 1-day international workshop on "Intercultural Resources & Peace Building" was successfully conducted today at the auditorium of Government Hindi College, Imphal... [read more>>](#)

RTI Disclosure: Thousands of IDPs in Moirang Still Await Resettlement Despite Crores Spent

Source: Ichel News Network, 29 August 2025

An RTI reply furnished by the Deputy Commissioner of Bishnupur, Pooja Elangbam, has revealed that more than 25,70,93,118 has been spent on Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in the 27-Moirang Assembly Constituency since the outbreak of ethnic violence on May 3, 2023... [read more>>](#)

NAGALAND

ASMSC and RNPC unite to safeguard indigenous rights in Assam and Nagaland

Source: North East Now, 26 August 2025

The Assam Sanmilita Mahasangha's Security Council (ASMSC) and the Rengma Naga Peoples Council (RNPC) have agreed to work jointly in Assam and Nagaland to safeguard the rights of indigenous communities... [read more>>](#)

TRIPURA

Tripura Indigenous group to hold Rally in Agartala on August 23, renews Tipraland demand

Source: North East Now, 3 August 2025

The Indigenous People's Front of Tripura (IPFT), a partner in the BJP-led state government, has announced plans to stage a large rally in Agartala on August 23 to push for its long-standing demand for a separate Tipraland state comprising areas under the Sixth Schedule... [read more>>](#)

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