




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

NEWS FROM NORTHEAST

ASSAM

NEN at 30: Three decades championing women's rights in Northeast India

Source: *Northeast Now*, 19 March 2025

North East Network (NEN) will mark its 30th anniversary on March 22, 2025, celebrating three decades of advancing gender justice and women's rights in Northeast India... [read more>>](#)

Assam: Tinsukia police rescues four missing children from Arunachal

Source: *Northeast Now*, 21 March 2025

The Tinsukia district chapter of the All Adivasi Student Association of Assam (AASAA) expressed gratitude to the Tinsukia district unit of Assam Police on Friday... [read more>>](#)

Assam deports 13 Bangladeshi nationals, verification in progress

Source: *Northeast Now*, 23 March 2025

The Assam Government informed the Supreme Court of India on Friday, that the government has deported 13 Bangladeshi nationals out of 63 Bangladeshi nationals to Bangladesh... [read more>>](#)

MANIPUR

More surrender of weapons reported across state

Source: *e-pao.net*, 1 March 2025

Over 100 firearms, ammunition and other military items were voluntarily surrendered by the public in Thoubal, Imphal West, Imphal East, Bishnupur, and Kangpokpi districts in the last couple of days... [read more>>](#)

Kangpokpi thwarts Union Home Minister Amit Shah's free movement initiative MST bus, security escorts attacked; one killed in clash with SFs

Source: *e-pao.net*, 9 March 2025

The Government's initiative to facilitate unrestricted move-ment across the State took an ugly turn in Kangpokpi as security forces clashed with Kuki protesters today, leaving one dead and many injured... [read more>>](#)

Manipur Budget 2025-26 ignores humanitarian crisis

Source: *e-pao.net*, 11 March 2025

Vote on Account Budget for Manipur for the next fiscal year 2025-26, placed in the parliament by finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday (10th March), is seen as a temporary financial plan during the President's Rule, aimed at meeting immediate financial requirements... [read more>>](#)

Manipur: Fresh violence in Churachandpur kills one, several injured

Source: *Northeast Now*, 19 March 2025

Violence erupted again in Manipur's Churachandpur district late Tuesday night, resulting in one fatality and several injuries, according to official reports on Wednesday... [read more>>](#)

Manipur: India deports 27 Myanmar nationals at Moreh border check post

Source: *Northeast Now*, 21 March 2025

Indian authorities deported 27 Myanmar nationals, including a minor, to their Myanmar counterparts at the Moreh gate check post bridge in Manipur, which marks the border between the two countries, on Friday... [read more>>](#)

Manipur: 9-year-old girl found dead in Churachandpur, murder suspected

Source: *Northeast Now*, 21 March 2025

A nine-year-old girl from Way Mark Academy in Churachandpur district, Manipur, was found dead under suspicious circumstances on Thursday night in Lingsiphai, TD Block... [read more>>](#)

MEGHALAYA

Explained: Is Meghalaya Investment Act a threat to indigenous residents?

Source: *East Mojo*, 11 March 2025

On Tuesday, members of the Khasi Students' Union (KSU) staged a protest at Shillong's Harrison Bridge, opposing the government's plan to introduce railways in Jaintia Hills... [read more>>](#)

MIZORAM

Mizoram: Chin rebel groups unite under Chin National Council

Source: *Northeast Now*, 1 March 2025

Two rebel groups from Myanmar's Chin state have come together to form a common platform aimed at fostering unity, sources said... [read more>>](#)

Mizoram MP invites Myanmar rebel group to join India

Source: *Northeast Now*, 6 March 2025

Mizoram MP K. Vanlalvena visited the Chinland Council's camp and offices, which controls areas in north-west Myanmar close to the Indian border, last week... [read more>>](#)

CYMA pushes for reversal of border fencing in Mizoram

Source: *Northeast Now*, 17 March 2025

Central committee of the Young Mizo Association, or Central YMA (CYMA), urged Union Home Minister Amit Shah to revise the Centre's decision to fence the Indo-Myanmar border... [read more>>](#)

NAGALAND

NSCN-IM condemns Centre's mining plans in Nagaland

Source: *Northeast Now*, 22 March 2025

The National Socialist Council of Nagalim (NSCN-IM) has vehemently opposed the Indian government's alleged attempts to mine resources in Nagaland... [read more>>](#)

TRIPURA

Committee formed to prevent sexual harassment of women, says Tripura CM

Source: *Northeast Now*, 13 March 2025

Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha on Thursday said that the state government had formed Internal Complaint Committees in all government and private offices to prevent sexual harassment of women... [read more>>](#)

ARTICLES

India: What is hindering permanent peace in Manipur?

Ethnic tensions continue to simmer in India's northeastern Manipur state, despite efforts by New Delhi to stabilize the restive region that has been beset by ethnic violence for nearly two years.... [read more>>](#)

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Indigenous Peoples are among those most affected by climate-related risks. But they remain under-represented in the forums and processes where these issues are addressed, despite their knowledge and expertise... [read more>>](#)

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Manipur - literally translated as "Land of Jewels" - has thousands of years of recorded history and a written constitution dating back to 12th century... [read more>>](#)

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