



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.

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.

NEWS FROM NORTHEAST

ASSAM

Assam: Charaideo court sentences 23 to life for witchcraft murder

Source: *Northeast Now*, 19 May 2025

In a landmark judgment, the Charaideo District Judicial Court in Sonari, Assam, has sentenced 23 individuals to life imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs 5,000 each for their involvement in the brutal murder of a woman accused of witchcraft... [read more>>](#)

Assam to issue Arms Licences to indigenous residents in vulnerable region

Source: *Northeast Now*, 28 May 2025

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Wednesday announced that the state cabinet has approved the issuance of Arms Licences to eligible indigenous people residing in vulnerable regions across Assam... [read more>>](#)

ARUNACHAL PRADESH

Arunachal: Indigenous communities intensify anti-hydropower protests

Source: *Northeast Now*, 30 May 2025

A wave of opposition is surging across Arunachal Pradesh as indigenous communities intensify their protests against proposed mega-hydropower projects, citing concerns over environmental destruction, displacement, and cultural disruption... [read more>>](#)

MANIPUR

IDPs return home to Haotak Pampha Khunou after months of displacement

Source: *Northeast Now*, 19 May 2025

A glimmer of hope emerged in the Kumbi Assembly constituency of Manipur's Bishnupur district on Monday as around 100 internally displaced persons (IDPs) returned to their village, Haotak Pampha Khunou... [read more>>](#)

Mass protest demanding Governor's apology turns violent; 7 women injured

Source: *Northeast Now*, 25 May 2025

At least seven women sustained injuries during mass protests that broke out in Manipur on Sunday, demanding a public apology from the Governor... [read more>>](#)

'Genocide allowed to continue unchecked' Slow deaths of indigenes, UN told

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

While India has responded swiftly and aggressively against the Pahalgam attack in Jammu and Kashmir that left 26 dead, ironically, it has allowed "genocide" to continue unchecked in Manipur, one of its own States, said Jodha Heikrujam, a human rights activist in the United Nations... [read more>>](#)

MIZORAM

Amit Shah assures online portal for Myanmar refugees in Mizoram

Source: *Northeast Now*, 25 May 2025

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has assured Mizoram that a dedicated online portal for registering 33,000 refugees from coup-hit Myanmar currently sheltering in the state will be launched soon, an official of the state's home department said on Sunday... [read more>>](#)

MEGHALAYA

Meghalaya: Cultural centre for indigenous Khasi heritage breaks ground in Shillong

Source: *India Today NE*, 16 May 2025

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma participated in a foundation-laying ceremony for the Indigenous Cultural Centre of Seng Khasi Kmie in Mawkhar, Shillong on Thursday... [read more>>](#)

Meghalaya honours grassroots conservation leaders on International Biodiversity Day

Source: *India Today NE*, 23 May 2025

Meghalaya marked the International Day for Biological Diversity 2025 with a state-level event focused on grassroots conservation efforts and sustainable development... [read more>>](#)

ARTICLES

Cultural Survival Condemns Violence Against Indigenous Peoples in Panama, Calling for Respect of Human Rights

Cultural Survival, as an international organization committed to defending the rights of Indigenous Peoples around the world, expresses deep concern and condemnation of the increasing repression by the Panamanian State against Indigenous Peoples and the general population who are mobilizing in defense of their collective rights... [read more>>](#)

Indonesia: Renewed Fighting Threatens West Papua Civilians

An escalation in fighting between Indonesian security forces and Papuan separatist armed groups in West Papua has seriously threatened the security of the largely Indigenous population, Human Rights Watch said today... [read more>>](#)

In the Shadow of Conflict, These Volunteers Are Restoring Hope Through Classrooms, Kitchens & Care

Some weeks feel heavier than others. The recent Pahalgam attack that claimed 26 innocent lives has left the country grieving. At the same time, Manipur continues to grapple with a year-long crisis that has claimed over 200 lives and displaced more than 60,000 people... [read more>>](#)

6 Radical Daughters Of Northeast You Should Know About

Northeast India is threaded together with diverse cultures, traditions and tribes that have shaped the region's history and political situation profoundly. However, a region that has been mostly aloof from the mainland gets, at times, sidelined by the mainstream... [read more>>](#)

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