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Ningoi Chakouba is a traditional Meitei festival from Manipur that celebrates the bond between married women and their maternal families.

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

Karbi Anglong CEM launches "PurthimiAkemang 2.0," empowering indigenous communities with land rights

Source: *India Today NE*, 15 October 2025

In a landmark move to strengthen land rights for indigenous communities, the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC) under the leadership of Chief Executive Member Dr. Tuliram Ronghang has launched "PurthimiAkemang 2.0"... [read more>>](#)

ARUNACHAL PRADESH

Arunachal indigenous groups plan rally in Itanagar to push for implementation of 1978 Religion Act

Source: *India Today NE*, 14 October 2025

The Indigenous Faith and Cultural Society of Arunachal Pradesh (IFCSAP) is set to hold a rally titled "Chalo Itanagar" on October 18, urging the state government to frame rules and enforce the Arunachal Pradesh Freedom of Religion Act of 1978 (APFRA-1978)... [read more>>](#)

MANIPUR

Threads of Peace: Yarn Bank for Women weavers inaugurated in Thoubal

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

The "Threads of Peace: Yarn Bank for Women weavers in Thoubal", a new initiative aimed at empowering women weavers and fostering peace through sustainable livelihoods was launched today at Phoudel in Thoubal district... [read more>>](#)

IFour including two IDP children died by suicide between July and Sept Govt urged to stop delaying Child Rights Policy

Source: *e-pao.net*, 2 October 2025

Expressing deep concern over rising children suicide cases amid the crisis besetting Manipur, Keisham Pradipkumar, Chairman of the Manipur Commission for Protection of Child Rights... [read more>>](#)

Peace ride concludes at Silchar after denial of entry into Manipur

Source: *e-pao.net*, 3 October 2025

Unable to reach Imphal, two State lads who embarked on a "Peace Ride" from Kerala concluded their journey at Silchar, Assam... [read more>>](#)

Capacity building programme on Rights of Indigenous Peoples held at Maram Khunou

Source: *e-pao.net*, 6 October 2025

A capacity building program on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples was successfully held at Maram Khunou Village, Senapati District, Manipur, organised by Grassroots NGO, Shillong... [read more>>](#)

BinalakshmiNeptram to attend FAO's Global Hub on Indigenous Peoples' Food Systems in Rome

Source: *e-pao.net*, 14 October 2025

Binalakshmi Neptram, founder-director of the Manipur Women Gun Survivors Network and the Global Alliance of Indigenous Peoples, Gender Justice and Peace... [read more>>](#)

MEGHALAYA

Meghalaya: CM refutes claim of illegal uranium mining in Garo Hills

Source: *The North East Now*, 16 October 2025

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma has refuted claims of BJP leader Bernard N. Marak that "illegal mining of uranium was taking place in the Garo Hills..." [read more>>](#)

NAGALAND

Only Nagas are indigenous to Nagaland: NSF's Inner Line Regulation Commission

Source: *India Today NE*, 1 October 2025

The Inner Line Regulation Commission (ILRC) of the Naga Students' Federation (NSF) has strongly reacted to a statement by the Rising People's Party (RPP) published in local dailies... [read more>>](#)

Non-Naga tribes left out of indigenous list as Nagaland suspends RIIN exercise: Minister

Source: *India Today NE*, 30 October 2025

AtThe Nagaland government has announced that non-Naga tribes will not be granted indigenous status under the Register of Indigenous Inhabitants of Nagaland (RIIN) process... [read more>>](#)

TRIPURA

Tripura: Pradyot to approach Supreme Court on indigenous land and customary rights

Source: *India Today NE*, 16 October 2025

Pradyot Bikram Manikya DebBarma, scion of the Tripura royal family, announced that he will be filing a case in the Supreme Court on October 17 concerning the land and customary bills... [read more>>](#)

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