



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

## NEWS FROM NORTHEAST

### ASSAM

#### Morans begin 'economic blockade' in Assam's Tinsukia as community ramps up demand for ST status

Source: *The Indian Express*, 16 September 2025

Organisations of the Moran community in Assam have ramped up the pressure in their demand for Scheduled Tribe status, beginning an "economic blockade" in Tinsukia district on Monday... [read more>>](#)

#### Akhil Gogoi mocks 'Mama-Chacha' nexus, accuses BJP of blocking ST Status for six indigenous communities

Source: *India Today NE*, 7 September 2025

Sivasagar MLA and Rajjor Dal chief Akhil Gogoi launched a scathing attack on Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and All India United Democratic Front (AIUDF) president Badruddin Ajmal, likening their relationship to "two sides of the same coin"... [read more>>](#)

#### AFSPA extended for six months in Tinsukia, Charaideo and Sivasagar districts of Assam

Source: *India Today NE*, 27 September 2025

The Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) has been extended for another six months in three districts of Assam - Tinsukia, Charaideo, and Sivasagar - effective from October 1, according to a notification issued by the state's Political Department on September 27... [read more>>](#)

### MANIPUR

#### Gunmen ambush Assam Rifles vehicle in Manipur, 2 jawans killed, 5 injured

Source: *Hindustan Times*, 19 September 2025

Two personnel of the Assam Rifles died and five others were injured when a group of heavily-armed insurgents ambushed them at Nambol Sabal Leikai, Bishnupur district of Manipur along National Highway-150... [read more>>](#)

#### Interaction programme on 'Manipur after merger with India' held 'Understanding Manipur's history before merger crucial'

Source: *e-pao.net*, 22 September 2025

A one-day interaction programme on the topic "Manipur after merger with India" was held at Lamyamba Shanglen, Konung Lampak, Imphal today... [read more>>](#)

#### Displaced boy found hung to death

Source: *e-pao.net*, 28 September 2025

A 14 year old boy, reading in IX standard and belonging to an internally displaced family, was found hung to death at the bicycle shed of Jiribam Higher Secondary school this morning... [read more>>](#)

### MEGHALAYA

#### NIT Meghalaya creates history with first-ever indigenous chip for the state communities

Source: *India Today NE*, 3 September 2025

Researchers at the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Meghalaya have successfully designed and fabricated the state's first integrated chip (IC)... [read more>>](#)

#### A Village in Meghalaya Punished for Saying 'No' to Uranium Mining

Source: *The Quint*, 22 September 2025

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change on 8 September issued a memorandum exempting the mining of atomic minerals, including uranium, from public consultation... [read more>>](#)

### MIZORAM

#### PM Modi to flag off Mizoram's first Rajdhani Express to Delhi on Sept 13

Source: *The Assam Tribune*, 11 September 2025

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will flag off Mizoram's first Rajdhani Express on September 13, connecting the Sairang station in Aizawl with Delhi's Anand Vihar station, with weekly services starting on September 19, according to an official notification... [read more>>](#)

### NAGALAND

#### Nagaland MLA calls for overhaul of tribal reservation system to help 'voiceless' communities

Source: *India Today NE*, 4 September 2025

A legislator from Nagaland's capital has raised alarm over the failure of the state's reservation policies to reach the most disadvantaged sections of society, calling for urgent reforms to ensure benefits don't remain concentrated among the privileged... [read more>>](#)

#### 34-million-yr-old Nagaland fossils show how Antarctic ice shaped Indian monsoon

Source: *The Assam Tribune*, 10 September 2025

A team of Indian scientists has uncovered a remarkable connection between the formation of Antarctica's ice sheets around 34 million years ago and the early evolution of the Indian monsoon system, thanks to fossil leaves discovered in Nagaland... [read more>>](#)

#### Nagaland: Stop issuing PRCs to non-indigenous people, says NSF

Source: *North East Now*, 24 September 2025

The inner line regulation commission (ILRC) of the Naga Students' Federation on Wednesday urged village councils and gaon burhas (village heads) of Nagaland not to issue permanent resident certificates (PRCs) to non-indigenous people residing in their jurisdiction... [read more>>](#)

### TRIPURA

#### Indigenous youths protest Tripura LoP over alleged disrespect to traditional handwoven tribal attire

Source: *India Today NE*, 10 September 2025

Tension erupted in Tripura's Dhalai district today after a group of indigenous people staged a protest against opposition leader and CPI(M) state secretary Jitendra Chaudhury, alleging that he had insulted the 'Risha,' the traditional handwoven attire of the tribal community... [read more>>](#)

### SIKKIM

#### Wearing traditional dress once a week will keep culture alive: Sikkim CM Prem Singh Tamang

Source: *India Today NE*, 6 September 2025

Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang on Saturday, September 6 emphasized the importance of safeguarding cultural identity while fostering unity among diverse communities of the state... [read more>>](#)

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