



The relatively untouched jungles and highlands of Papua New Guinea are a haven for wildlife and a diverse array of tribal cultures unlike anywhere else in the world.

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. 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 2026, 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 GLOBAL

### Bangladesh election: BNP wins historic first vote since overthrow of Hasina

Source: [theguardian.com](https://www.theguardian.com), 13 Feb 2026

The Bangladesh Nationalist party, led by Tarique Rahman, has won a sweeping victory in the country's first election since a gen Z uprising toppled the autocratic regime of Sheikh Hasina... [read more>>](#)

## NEWS FROM NORTHEAST INDIA

### ARUNACHAL PRADESH

#### Arunachal CM opens Donyi Polo prayer centre, reaffirms push to protect indigenous faiths

Source: [India Today NE](https://india.com), 8 February 2026

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu on February 8, inaugurated the newly consecrated Donyi Polo Kargu Gamgi, a prayer and cultural centre of the indigenous Donyi Polo faith... [read more>>](#)

#### "Mainland must know northeast": Arunachal MLA urges Centre for chapters on northeast in school books

Source: [India Today NE](https://india.com), 26 February 2026

In the wake of an incident of racial discrimination in Delhi against three Arunachal women, Doimukh MLA Nabam Vivek has strongly condemned the episode and called upon the Union Government... [read more>>](#)

### ASSAM

#### Indigenous organisations observe 'Black Day' to mark 200 years of Yandabo Treaty

Source: [Northeast Now](https://northeastnow.com), 25 February 2026

Several indigenous and social organisations across Assam on Tuesday observed 'Black Day' to mark the 200th anniversary of the Treaty of Yandabo... [read more>>](#)

#### Tribal groups oppose NEC's proposed open-cast coal mining project in Tinsukia

Source: [Northeast Now](https://northeastnow.com), 26 February 2026

Organisations representing communities from the Tirap Tribal Belt have opposed a proposed open-cast coal mining project by North Eastern Coalfields (NEC) at Saliki village ... [read more>>](#)

### MANIPUR

#### AMUCO lines up NE Indigenous Games

Source: [e-pao.net](https://e-pao.net), 8 February 2026

The All Manipur United Clubs' Organisation (AMUCO) has announced that all preparations are in place for the North East Indigenous Games and Cultural Exchange Pro-grammes... [read more>>](#)

#### Villagers flee, houses and govt quarters burnt down as violence rocks Manipur's Ukhrul district

Source: [The Indian Express](https://theindianexpress.com), 9 February 2026

The adjacent villages of Litan and Mangkot in Manipur's Ukhrul district on Monday saw several people abandoning their homes following violent clashes between the Tangkhul Naga and Kuki communities... [read more>>](#)

#### Indian Journalists Union seeks time-bound probe into Imphal editor assassination attempt

Source: [Northeast Now](https://northeastnow.com), 21 February 2026

The Indian Journalists Union (IJU) has urged the Manipur government to order an intensive, time-bound inquiry into the attempted assassination of a senior editor in Imphal... [read more>>](#)

#### Manipuri film Boong wins BAFTA 2026 as only Indian nominee in children's category

Source: [Northeast Now](https://northeastnow.com), 23 February 2026

The Manipuri film Boong, directed by Lakshmi Priya Devi and backed by Farhan Akhtar's Excel Entertainment, has won the Best Children's and Family Film award at the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) 2026 Awards... [read more>>](#)

### MIZORAM

#### Mizoram nears completion of biometric drive for refugees from Myanmar and Bangladesh

Source: [Northeast Now](https://northeastnow.com), 23 February 2026

The Mizoram government has entered the final phase of collecting biometric and demographic data of more than 30,000 displaced persons from Myanmar and Bangladesh... [read more>>](#)

### NAGALAND

#### Naga Folklore, Bachelor's Winter and Indigenous Knowledge

Source: [Northeast Now](https://northeastnow.com), 18 February 2026

Northeastern tribal communities are replete with folklore - some of it almost forgotten now. A Naga folklore narrates that throughout the year, village maidens would weave men's shawls in the evenings... [read more>>](#)

#### Nagaland: Naga Students' Federation opposes MHA directive on singing of Vande Mataram in schools

Source: [India Today NE](https://india.com), 20 February 2026

The Naga Students' Federation (NSF) has strongly opposed recent instructions issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs mandating that the Indian National Song Vande Mataram... [read more>>](#)

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