

## NORTHEAST INDIA WOMEN INITIATIVE FOR PEACE JULY 2012 NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

Warm greetings from Northeast India Women Initiative for Peace (NEIWIP).

The journey of a humble initiative of women from India's Northeast that started in 2010 has now entered its second year. A network of over 120 women has been formed from across eight states of the region and efforts are on to further strengthen work for peace, democracy and rights of the people of region through this initiative.

Please find here July 2012 issue newsletter, positive news of July regarding Diaspora, history, peace and news on women empowerment from Northeast India and rest of the world to renew our hopes and strengthen our efforts to work towards peace making.

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### **Northeast India Diaspora meet for the first time to seek collective peace and development in the region**

Source: Kangla Online, 3 July 2012

The control arms foundation of India in association with the Heinrich Boell Foundation a panel to discuss solutions for the peace building process and development in the North Eastern states of India. The event was held on Saturday, 30 June 2012 at India international centre, New Delhi. [Read more](#)

### **Manipuri Diaspora to meet NE Olympians**

Source: Times of India, 24 July 2012

The European Manipuri Association (EMA) will meet all 10 Olympians of the northeast to extend its best wishes in London on Thursday, a day before the biggest sporting event of the world starts. Of the total athletes of the region, five are from Manipur. They include MC Mary Kom (Boxing), L Bombayla (Archery), Ng Soniya (Weightlifting), Kh Kothajit (Hockey) and L Debendra (Boxing). [Read more](#)

### **Making a difference for NE women**

Source: Morung Express, 02 July, 2012

I travelled extensively across the north-east, drawing women from the most marginalised sections into the process, but also trying to capture then strength and dynamism in a region of political strife and protracted conflict. [Read more:](#)

### **Seminar on North East Indian Literature**

Source: The Morung Express, 7 July 2012

A two day seminar on North East Indian Literature and its future vision was held in Imphal on the 6th and 7th July 2012. It was organized by DM College of Arts Imphal and Sahitya Academy Kolkata and UGC. North East Indian Literature is generating a lot of critical interest today. [Read more](#)

### **Video: Should there be any diktat on dresses?**

Source: NDTV, 21 July, 2012

Is safety related to one's dress and should girls be "advised" to dress carefully? We debate on The Big Fight. [Watch here:](#)

### **Diaspora Speak :: Full Story**

Source: The Sangai express, 22 July 2012

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Irengbam Mohendra Singh. It's a mouthful. The first part is ethnic Manipuri; the other two parts are Hindu. I mention this because there is a new Manipuri culture. The last two new generations have dropped the surname Singh for men and Devi for women as they do not suit their oriental looks. [Read more](#)

### **Remove Weaknesses of Institutions that Speak for the Northeast**

Source: Northeast Today, 1 July 2012

The charters of institutions that speak for the northeast should be re-looked at to remove their weaknesses while the people there should transform themselves to get to know each other better, a noted author said at a seminar here on restoring peace in the region. There are weaknesses in the institutions that speak for the northeast. [Read more](#)

### **New resource book 'Bosco Reach Out' released**

Source: Don Bosco India, 10 July 2012

A resource book on development chronicling the best practices, methodologies and success stories of Bosco Reach Out, a pioneer NGO of the Don Bosco Society in India, was released here today by Fr. VM Thomas, SDB, Provincial of the Salesian Province of Guwahati. [Read more](#)

### **Application for Youth Award Scheme**

Source: E -Pao, 19 July 2012

The District Youth Affairs and Sports Officer, Imphal West has invited applications from young person between 13 to 35 years of age and voluntary organizations under Imphal West district for Youth Award Scheme for the year 2011-12 for outstanding work done in the field of national development and social service, eradication of drug abuse, AIDS, social evils, promotion on adventure, cultural, non formal and adult education etc. [Read more](#)

### **The dark shadow of impunity**

Source: The Hindu, 18 July 2012

The northeast used to pride itself on its gender equality. But the gory sexual violence against a teenager in Assam shows the region is no different from the rest of India. The sordid sexual violence by a group of thugs against a young woman in Guwahati has stunned people not just in India but across the world with reports of indignation, anger and disbelief. [Read more](#)

### **Govt to offer extra subsidised rice to poor in Northeast India**

Source: News India Mart, 23 July 2012

Centre has offered extra rice quota at a subsidised rate for the poor residing in 12 backward districts in the Northeast region. Tripura Principal Secretary of Food Department BK Roy said, "The union ministry of consumer affairs, food and public distribution on the direction of the Supreme Court has allocated additional quota of food grain to identified 174 districts in 27 states, which include 12 districts in northeast region." [Read more](#)

### **Why land rights for women means better food for families**

Source: The Alternative, 2 July 2012

Women landowners have brought back fresh vegetable produce to their homes, significantly upped nutrition levels in the community, and improved social capital in tribal Odisha. Giving women land might just be the answer to India's food security issues. [Read more:](#)

### **NSCN (K) says it is willing to talk peace**

Source: Eastern Mirror, 04 July 2012

Cease Fire Supervisory Board supervisor Lincoln has stated that the group is willing to stop all forms of factional violence provided the Khole-Kitovi faction also agrees to totally stop it. He stated this while interacting with media persons after the closed-door meeting of the Cease Fire Supervisory Board at Hotel Millennium in Kohima Tuesday. [Read more:](#)

### **SBI formally adopts Suhoi village as part of adoption programme**

Source: Eastern Mirror, 04 July 2012

In a boost to rural livelihood of Suhoi village under Kuhuboto sub-division, the State Bank of India, Bazaar Branch Dimapur has formally adopted the village today under village adoption programme 'SBI ka apna gaon'. [Read more:](#)

### **Widows born out of insurgency rebuild their lives through Manipur women gun survivors network**

Source: The Hindu, 3 July 2012

On December 26, 2004, when many parts of Asia were wrecked by a killer tsunami, young researcher Binalakshmi Nepram was up in a village deep inside Manipur. Though far away from the theatre of death and destruction caused by the swelling seawaters that day, Bina too faced no less a life-changing situation. [Read more](#)

### **The ongoing tragedy of India's widows**

Source: women's media centre, 22 June 2012

Widows in India have a pronoun problem. The estimated 40 million women widows in the country go from being called "she" to "it" when they lose their husbands. They become "de-sexed" creatures. Clearly, it's more than a problem of language, although that discrimination goes further, with epithets such as "husband eater" used against them. [Read more](#)

### **Women 'gun survivors' remake their lives**

Source: One World South Asia, 25 July 2012

Sometimes all it takes is one incident to transform one from being a mere spectator to a participant in change. For Binalakshmi Nepram, that moment came on a gloomy Christmas eve of 2004 in a village near Imphal, the capital of Manipur. As an academic researcher she was talking to a group of women activists, when gun shots shattered the peace. [Read more](#)

### **The rivalry of tiger and cat: Manipur Folktales**

Source: Epao.net, 3 July, 2012

It was a very cold night in the month of December in the northern hemisphere. All the animals both the wild and domestic were feeling of very cold. They could not make even a nap because of the winter night. On that cold night, all the animals gathered at a jungle. They wanted to make worm their bodies. [Read more:](#)

### **The Story The Origin of the Ao, Nagaland Folktales**

Source: Nagajournal

This is the story of the origin of the Ao clans of Nagaland. The Aos never had a written language so everything we know is through word of mouth. We believe that we originated from a place called Chunglimti which is an hour and a half's drive from the district headquarters of Mokokchung. [Read more:](#)

### **The three brothers: Nagaland Folk Tale**

Source: Kidsgen

Long ago, there lived three brothers. They had a small firm and little cottage, in which they lived. The eldest brother, Tanyen, worked hard in the firm while his lazy and selfish brothers, Zhoshu and Penhun, ate and slept all day. It was difficult to meet the needs of the family with the meager income that Tanyen said to his brothers, 'It's not possible to carry on like this, brothers!' [Read more:](#)

### **The magic pet parrot - Angakpa Tenawa: Manipur Folktales**

Source: Epao.net, 3 July, 2012

Once upon a time, there lived an old man and his wife. They had a pet bird – parrot. The old couple had not children. So they cared the parrot as their own child. Being taken great care for him, the parrot had also thought in his mind that the old couple was his own parents. The couple taught the pet bird how to communicate with the human beings. [Read more:](#)

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