

NORTH EAST INDIA WOMEN INITIATIVE FOR PEACE

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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.

On 21 November 2012, Manipur Women Gun Survivors Network (MWGSN) and Northeast India Woman Initiative for Peace NEIWIP in collaboration with India International Centre (IIC) successfully organised a conference on the topic: "Weaving Histories of Northeast India: Stories from Taktse and others " at India International Centre, Lodi Estate, New Delhi-3. The conference was supported by Heinrich Boll Stiftung.

Please find here November 2012 issue newsletter, positive news of November 2012 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.

Weaving Histories of Northeast Within the Narrative of India

Source: Kangla Online, 21 Nov 2012

For more than 63 years in the history of the independent Republic of India, the history/histories of 45 million of its citizens living in 8 states of the northeast region of the country have been absent from our school, college and university text books. This ignorance or lack of awareness is one of the major causes of the wrong perception about people from the region. This is one of the main reasons that people of the northeast region are discriminated [Read more:](#)

Ensure Success of Women Empowerment in Northeast

Source: The Northeast Today, 22 Nov 2012

Calling for success of the ISWE (Integrated Scheme for Women Empowerment) project in all the states of the NE region, the executive director of Central Social Welfare Board (CSWB), S.K. Jha today said that the ISWE launched in 2007 as a pilot project is a special package for the North East to address the socio-economic needs of the region, particularly on women empowerment and child development through community action. [Read more:](#)

Manipuri diaspora for socia-economic development of Manipur

Source: The Sangai Express, 20 Nov 2012

"Diaspora is the movement, migration or scattering of people away from an establishment or ancestral homeland" (Wikipedia). So, the writer took the freedom of using diaspora in the title to signify both Non-resident overseas Manipuri (NROM) who work and study abroad in different parts of the world and Non-resident Manipuri (NRM) who work and study in various cities and states outside Manipur but within the Indian union. [Read more:](#)

Northeast youth read more than rest of India

Source: The Hindustan Times, 20 Nov 2012

Young men and women in India's northeastern states read books more often than their counterparts in the rest of the country, a study released on Tuesday by the National Book Trust (NBT) said. The NBT study, conducted in collaboration with the National Council for Advanced Economic Research (NCAER) and the human resource development (HRD) ministry, is based on a nationwide survey. The new study focused on northeastern states. [Read more:](#)

Move to end violence against women

Source: Zolengthe.net, 25 Nov 2012

With the theme 'From Peace in the Home to Peace in the World: Let's Challenge Militarism and End Violence Against Women', and organized by Women in-Governance (W-in-G), the international campaign on 16 days Activism on Protesting Violence Against Women has been observed to put a thrust to awareness campaign for women's rights at Lamyamba Sanglen, in Imphal today. [Read more:](#)

Interface-Dialogue Women and Government Sub-theme 1: Strategizing To Ensure Land Ownership for Women

Source: Kanglaonline, 14 Nov 2012

Governance can be seen as the exercise of economic, political and administrative authority to manage a country's affairs at all levels. It comprises the mechanisms, processes and institutions through which citizens and groups articulate their interests, exercise their legal rights, meet their obligations and mediate their differences. Women face numerous obstacles [Read more:](#)

Drive India's Northeast to Thailand from 2016

Source: The Northeast Today, 20 Nov 2012

Come 2016 and one can drive all the way from the North-East to Mae Sot in Thailand, with India, Myanmar and Thailand managing to firm up a date for completion of the ambitious trilateral highway project. The projected date of completion was announced by Prime Minister, Dr Manmohan Singh during his opening remarks at the 10th India ASEAN Summit here this afternoon. [Read more:](#)

Historians blamed for not highlighting Arunachal's true past

Source: Daily News and Analysis (DNA), 3 Nov 2012

North East India History Association (NEIHA) founder member and vice-president Prof JB Bhattacharjee has said that the historians are failing in their duty in highlighting the correct history of Arunachal Pradesh. "We historians are failing in our duty in highlighting the correct history of sensitive Arunachal Pradesh. We should tell and document the truth notwithstanding the political perspective," said Bhattacharjee. [Read more:](#)

Weaving Histories of Northeast India: Manipur – Part I

Source: Tehelka, 25 Nov 2012

I have spent the last five years in Delhi University studying English literature and various literary and cultural works translated in English from different languages. One thing that shocked and hurt all of us – particularly the sizeable number of students from the Northeast – was when we came across the meagre portion of works from the Northeast in the syllabi of Delhi University and other central universities. [Read more:](#)

Inspiring story from North East India: IAS officer making 100KM road

Source: Northeast Blog, 4 Nov 2012

Armstrong Pame is first IAS (Indian Administrative Officer) from his Zeme tribe of Tamenglong district in Manipur where he serves as sub-divisional magistrate. He is making a 100KM road now christened Tamenglong- Haflong Road from his home district to Assam which will connect three states, Manipur, Nagaland and Assam. [Read more:](#)

Northeast experts meet on a common Goal towards the region

Source: The Northeast Today, 21 Nov 2012

With an aim of putting up a common platform of the North East by generating ideas and inputs to "Post 2015 Development Agenda", a two-day consultative programme of the civil society groups, of the North East region commenced today at the court room, Vice Chancellor Secretariat, Administrative Block, Manipur University in Imphal. The programme named, 'Regional Consultation for Civil Society Engagement in the Post 2015 [Read more:](#)

'Contemporary North East India' seminar at Manipur University

Source: The Sangai Express, 6 Nov 2012

A two-day national seminar on 'Contemporary North East India: Issues, Challenges and Prospects' was opened today at Manipur University. The seminar is being organised by History Department, Manipur University under the sponsorship of Indian Council of Social Science Research. Speaking at the inaugural session, MU VC Prof HNK Sharma highlighted the immense responsibility of social scientists in bringing the desired changes in North East India. [Read more:](#)

Third edition of North East Youth Festival ends

Source: The Hindu, 10 Nov 2012

The third edition of the North East Youth Festival ended here on a ceremonial note with the lowering of the Festival Flag in presence of Chief Minister Nabam Tuki, his colleagues and hundreds of youths from the region as well as across the country. The three-day festival, flagged off by Union Minister of State for Minority Affairs Ninong Ering along with youth icon M C Mary Kom, witnessed various cultural and co-curricular activities and competitions. [Read more:](#)

Northeast India Matters: weaving our collective histories

Source: CNN IBN, 20 Nov 2012

Did you know that the Chinese called Manipur 'Hso Po lo mein' and the Burmese called it 'Kathe', that Manipur called Tripura 'Takhel' and that till date there is a beautiful flower in Manipur called 'Takhel-lei' which means flower of Takhel/Tripura? To many in India, we are just one block of people, 'The Northerners'. Isn't it time to weave our collective histories? For more than 63 years in the history of the independent Republic of India [Read more:](#)

Six decades of Aerobiology research in NE India

Source: The Sangai Express, 27 Nov 2012

BGA aeroflora over rice fields in the Manipur University campus by exposing nutrient petriplates on a modified Durham type microscope revealed 41 BGA types. The dominant species were Hapalosiphon welwitschii (4.46%) whereas the least were Aphanocapsa bifomes, A. pallid, Anabaena torulosa etc. After falling these BGA in the soils of rice fields, it might enhance the soil fertility in rice fields (Devi and Singh, 2008). [Read more:](#)

ASEAN: India rebuilds road, sea links

Source: The Sangai Express, 26 Nov 2012

Connectivity is the buzzword in India's relations with the 10-member Asean as it rebuilds road and sea links to boost trade and people-to-people ties with an economically vibrant region. A Trilateral Highway - linking Thailand and Myanmar with India - called Friendship Road is slowly nearing completion, while a car rally kicks off from Yogyakarta in Indonesia to finally end in India's northeast. [Read more:](#)

Ishanou to be screened on Nov 27 in International Film Festival of India (IIFI)

Source: The Sangai Express, 26 Nov 2012

Critically acclaimed Manipuri feature film- Ishanou (The Chosen One) directed by Aribam Syam Sharma will be screened at Maquinez Palace - II on November 27 at 9 pm for press and delegates of the 43rd International Film Festival of India at Goa, according to the screening schedule of the second week of the festival which was released today. The lone feature film from the North East India was among 27 Indian feature films [Read more:](#)

India-Bangladesh To Sign Rail Link Mou Between Agartala And Akhaura

Source: The Sevendaity.com, 28 Nov 2012

The Indian Govt would soon sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Bangladesh to set up a 15-km railway link between Tripura capital Agartala and Bangladesh's southeastern city of Akhaurah. At a cost of Rs 271 crore, The Indian Railway Construction Company (IRCON) would lay the railway track, of which five km falls in the Indian territory and the remaining in Bangladesh. [Read more:](#)

Conference on Thailand and NE India

Source: Kanglaonline, 29 Nov 2012

Surindra Rajabhat University, SRRU, Surin, Thailand and Manipur University (MU), Canchipur, have jointly organised an international conference on the topic "Thailand and North East India: Issues on Sustainable Development" today at the Lecture Hall 1 of MIMS, Manipur University. Presided over by Vice Chancellor, MU Prof H Nandakumar Sarma the function was also attended [Read more:](#)

Rio asks Centre to resolve political conflicts in NE

Source: Hueiyen News Service, 28 Nov 2012

Asserting the importance of the North-east in realising India's Look East policy, Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today said the Centre must resolve outstanding political issues and bring political stability to the region. Resolution of political conflicts and subsequent containment of insurgency would ensure political stability and prevalence of peace and security in the region, a pre-requisite for all economic activities to take off, Rio said [Read more:](#)

21000 Youths to Get Govt Job in Tripura

Source: The Northeast Today, 27 Nov 2012

In spite of bar on new appointment, the sixth Left Front government has absorbed 21000 posts in different government department, said Chief Manik Sarkar. While speaking after inauguration of newly built ITI and Boxanagar Block building at Boxanagar today, he said there are 44 posts lying vacant in the different Central government department but it doesn't taken any initiative to fill up the posts. [Read more:](#)

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