

**NORTH EAST INDIA WOMEN INITIATIVE FOR PEACE
OCTOBER 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.

On 13 October 2012, at the occasion of the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) team visit in Manipur, Manipur Women Gun Survivors Network (MWGSN) and Northeast India Woman Initiative for Peace (NEIWIP) successfully organised the conference "Documenting History – Written and Oral Histories of Manipur", at Classic Hotel, Imphal, Manipur.

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

Meet for North East history in textbooks

Source: The Sangai Express, 16 Oct 2012

For more than 63 years of Indian republic, it has come to light that the history/histories of 45 million of its citizens living in 8 states of the Northeast region of the country are absent in schools, colleges and university text books. This is one of the major causes of the wrong perception and discrimination of people of Northeast region when they travel for study and work in different parts of India. [Read more:](#)

'Mainland Indians know little of northeast' ~ Rio

Source: Zolengthe.net, 23 Oct 2012

Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio said that the majority of mainland Indians would have little or no knowledge of the northeastern states, including Sikkim. "It is indeed true that a majority of mainland Indians have little or no knowledge of this part of the country, which is definitely India but unfortunately an unequal India," Rio said, addressing the Eclectic Young Leaders Connect-2 conference [Read more:](#)

The Women's International League (WILPF) accuses Government of India

Source: Hueiyen News Service, 12 Oct 2012

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom has accused the the Government of India that the latter had failed to advance human rights and justice when it did not accept the recommendations of the UN Human Rights Council to repeal the Armed Forces Special Power Act (AFSPA) still in force today in the North East of India. [Read more:](#)

State Sr Women's team beat AP in National Championships

Source: Hueiyen News Service, 17 Oct 2012

State Senior Women's Hockey team today beat Andhra Pradesh by 8-0 in the 2nd Hockey India Senior Women's Hockey Championships being held at Bhopal. The scorers of Manipur team were Sangai Ebemhal (13, 52), Ranjita (14, 37), Manorama (10, 40), Naobi (56) and Priti (26). Manipur will play with Haryana tomorrow. [Read more:](#)

Medical camp for HIV/AIDS infected women and children held'

Source: The Sangai Express, 2 Oct 2012

The 6th annual medical cum awareness camp organised by Tabitha Children Home commenced from today at the Home's Mantripukhri complex. The five-day event, during which awareness campaigns would also be organised is being conducted exclusively for HIV/AIDS infected women and children [Read more:](#)

Inequality deepens climate challenge for India's women farmers

Source: Alertnet, 30 Oct 2012

Being a women farmer in India isn't easy at the best of times, due to unequal land rights, a lack of training and limited access to affordable credit. Now changing climate patterns are making it even harder. Women are in a weaker position when it comes to dealing with the droughts and erratic rainfall that have cut their yields in recent years – especially as many are marginal farmers [Read more:](#)

The Pandora box opened: Corruption slur on Manipur govt

Source: Zolengthe.net, 24 Oct 2012

The conflict-ridden state of Manipur records over 3,000 children who have been victims of armed conflicts or ethnic clashes, who are orphans and those who have been diagnosed with HIV and AIDS. However, the state does not have any functioning Juvenile Justice Board, a rights body said. [Read more:](#)

Sweet taste of success for Mizoram orange farmers

Source: Zolengthe.net, 11 Oct 2012

Success had never been so sweet for Mizoram's orange farmers. About 40 farmers at Rulpuihlum in Mamit district have reaped their first fruits of labour — disease-free oranges cultivated under a collaborative pilot project with Israel, named the Zo-Israel orange pilot project, which started four years back. [Read more:](#)

'Boats on Land': Folkloric traditions from the northeast

Source: Press Trust of India, 25 Oct 2012

Janice Pariat often wanted to interweave the mundane and the surreal, the apparent reality of daily life with the folkloric and her debut book of stories attempts to portray the way in which many different "realities" co-exist in the northeast, from where she hails. "Boats on Land" is a collection of 15 stories set in and around Shillong, Cherrapunjee and pockets of Assam. [Read more:](#)

Documenting History – Written and Oral Histories of Manipur

Source: Kanglaonline, 12 Oct 2012-11-03

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Oral history of NE India

Source: Manipur Mail, 30 Oct 2012

A galaxy of intellectuals has started conglomerating in Nagaland's commercial hub Dimapur since this evening to participate in a national seminar on the theme, "Recovering the Oral Histories of North-Eastern India". Earlier, when contacted by Newmai News Network, Dr Sentila Yanger, who is the convenor of Nagaland chapter of INTACH informed that about 25 resource persons [Read more:](#)

Northeast India needs better branding, marketing to attract tourists, investors

Source: ANI, 7 Oct 2012

The tourism sector in north east India has huge potential and the government is chalking out plans to attract both investors and tourists to the region. "A paradise unexplored" is often how the Northeast is described. The Lushai Hills of Mizoram, the Garo Hills of Meghalaya, the Bramhaputra River and enchanting Nagaland, all are extremely beautiful places, but not many in the country know about them. [Read more:](#)

Focus on recovering oral histories of North East

Source: Eastern Mirror, 31 Oct 2012

Understanding and engaging with the rich 'repository of intangible cultural habitats' might be the answer to the onset modernity and the 'ambiguity and moral crisis' that it drags along with, according to the Director of Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS) Shimla, Dr Peter Ronald D'Souza. "There is no society today which is not suffering from ambiguity and moral crisis," he said [Read more:](#)

National Highways in Northeast to be Upgraded

Source: Zolengthe.net, 14 Oct 2012

To improve road connectivity in the country's mountainous northeastern states, over 10,100 km of national highways in the region will be gradually upgraded, a top official said Saturday. "The central government has accorded importance to improving connectivity in the land-locked northeastern region," Road Transport and Highways Ministry Secretary A.K. Upadhyay told reporters here. [Read more:](#)

Map of NE India: Setting up the record straight

Source: Zolengthe.net, 24 Oct 2012

The record has to be set straight. Delhi is not 'consulting' either with Imphal or Dispur or Itanagar. It has simply put forward a draft proposal it has made after intense discussion with the NSCN (IM) before the State Governments of Assam, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh. Yes, it is one step up from the 'ceasefire without territorial limits' clause of 2001 or the go ahead signal given to the proposal for [Read more:](#)

Jamia Walks for Peace in the North East

Source: Jamia Journal, 3 Oct 2012

Against the backdrop of crisis in the North East, Jamia Millia Islamia's Centre for North East Studies, the Sarojini Naidu Centre for Women's Studies, and the Department of Political Science collaborated to organize a Peace Walk on-campus for "Sensitization & Awareness of Human Rights in the North East of India," on Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2012. [Read more:](#)

Union ministry of development of northeastern region plans to link Northeast with international cities

Source: Times of India, 11 Oct 2012

The Union ministry of development of northeastern region (DoNER) is all set to implement a multi-modal transport project for linking Mizoram and an inland waterway to the Bay of Bengal through the Sittwe Port in Myanmar. A DoNER official on Wednesday said that since Mizoram is located at the southernmost corner of the northeast, it could be the region's second business hub [Read more:](#)

NE critical to India : Ghatowar

Source: The Sangai Express, 5 Oct 2012

The North Eastern Region (NER), India's gateway to North and South-east Asia, is a critical geographical region of India, said Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) Paban Singh Ghatowar. He was addressing the two-day India-Bangladesh Dialogue yesterday organized by Asian Institute of Transport Development [Read more:](#)

Normal train services resume in northeast India after a week's halt

Source: Jagran Post, 11 Oct 2012

The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) restored normal train services on Thursday connecting Tripura, Mizoram, Manipur and southern Assam with the rest of India, nearly a week after all night trains in the region were cancelled for security reasons. "Both passenger and goods trains would run normally from Thursday. [Read more:](#)

Need to focus on academic development of northeast India

Source: Merinews, 19 Oct 2012

We hope wisdom prevails in our education policymakers and they do not de-liver education with national development. In fact, education lies at the core of such development, the very fact that only six to seven percent of our GDP is allocated to education shows our lopsided policies. Two national Institutes of Technology have been recently established in northeast India, one in Meghalaya and the other in Nagaland. [Read more:](#)

ICYM- North East Regional Youth Talent Festival. – 2012

Source: ICYM, 14 Oct 2012

The regional youth talent festival was held at the auditorium of Don Bosco School, Panbazar here on October 12-13 on the theme 'Arise North East Youth for peace and Intergration'. Organized by the North Eastern Regional youth commission to provide a platform for talented youths of the North East, the festival included quiz shows as well as song and dance competitions. [Read more:](#)

Naga designer Atsu makes presence felt at WIFW

Source: The Times of India, 29 Oct 2012

Whether it is fashion, sports, politics or art, youth from India's northeast are making their presence felt in every sphere. Recently, a fashion designer from Nagaland lived up the Wills Lifestyle India Fashion Week in New Delhi with his design collection. Atsu Sekhose, a young designer from Nagaland, has been inspired by the culture of the Northeast region, and his designs [Read more:](#)

4 DU students suspended for assaulting NE youth

Source: The Times of India, 30 Oct 2012

The College of Vocational Studies, Delhi University, has suspended four students and made the campus out of bound for an ex-student for physically assaulting a fellow student in the campus on Friday. Based on prima facie evidence the college inquiry committee has taken the decision pending the completion of the inquiry. [Read more:](#)

Manipur hill district get Rs 424.45 cr for development

Source: Nagaland Post, 27 Oct 2012

Planning Commission of India (PCI) has cleared a proposal of Manipur government to develop 27 blocks in hill districts at a cost of Rs. 424.45 crores, said an official source Saturday. The proposal was submitted to PCI by state chief minister O. Ibobi Singh who returned to Manipur Saturday after camping in New Delhi [Read more:](#)

Manipuri Diaspora recalls A K Chanda to reiterate reservation

Source: The Sentinel, 12 Oct 2012

Manipuri Diaspora, Assam, Nagao and attend committee which held its representatives recently at the Manipuri Diaspora of Bijoy Singha and was assisted by more than 500 representatives from the different areas of the State reiterated its demand for the reservation of three seats in the contemplated legislative council of Assam and one seat in the Assembly for Manipuris, besides one MP seat in Rajya Sabha. [Read more:](#)

Manipur, Goa best places to be born in India

Source: The Times of India, 20 Oct 2012

Olympic medalist Mary Kom would be happy to hear this. Manipur has burst into the scene to become the best place to be born in India along with Goa. For every 1,000 live births, 11 die in Manipur as compared to 59 in Madhya Pradesh, which ranks as the worst place in the country to be born. The infant mortality rate (IMR) in Manipur has dipped to 11 in 2011 as against 14 in 2010. [Read more:](#)

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