

NORTH EAST INDIA WOMEN INITIATIVE FOR PEACE

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Dear Friends,

Warm greetings from Northeast India Women Initiative for Peace (NEIWP). The journey of a humble initiative of women from India's Northeast that started in 2010 has now entered its third 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 October 2013 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.

Assam to publish its post-independence political history

Source: The Northeast Today, 16 Oct 2013

A Political History of Assam of the post-independence period covering the period 1947-1971, 1972-1990 and 1991-2012 will be brought out by Government of Assam in three volumes. Dr. Rajen Saikia, eminent historian, will be the General Editor for the Political History of Assam of the post-independence period. The decision to entrust Dr. Saikia with the responsibility was taken at a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi recently. [Read more:](#)

'Invisible' women suffer the most

Source: Newmatilda.com, 9 Oct 2013

Young Indian woman Reingamphi Awungshi was brutally killed in May. Her story is sadly typical for many female victims of violence, write Sharma de Lacy and Fiona McAlpine from Delhi. In late May 2013, Reingamphi Awungshi, a young woman from the ethnically distinct Northeastern state of Manipur, was found dead in her Delhi apartment. Photographs taken by her relatives at the scene — the police refused — show apparent blunt force trauma to her head. [Read more:](#)

Three Northeast Indian Films for Goa Fest

Source: The Telegraph, 15, Oct 2013

One feature film and two documentaries from the Northeast have been selected for International Film Festival of India, 2013. Koyad, a film on Misings made by Manju Borah, Bye Lane 2 and Manipuri Pony — two documentaries directed by film critic Utpal Datta and filmmaker Aribam Syam Sharma, are the three films which will be screened at the festival in Goa from November 20 to 30. [Read more:](#)

Archival awareness to preserve historical artefacts and relics held

Source: Hueiyen News Service, 3 Oct 2013

SDO of Paomata David Kashung, MCS, has called upon the people, especially in the hill districts of Manipur, to preserve their historical artefacts and relics, so that the future generations to come do not face any identity crisis. Speaking as Chief Guest of a day-long archival awareness programme cum record exhibition organised by Manipur State Archive in association with Khumai Youth and Students' Organisation [Read more:](#)

Ten north-east parties forms collective political front

Source: Sevendary.com, 24 Oct 2013

A new collective political front – North East Regional Political Front (NERPF) have been formed on Sunday, ahead of the 2014 Lok Sabha elections to press the Centre to solve the "common and vital issues" such as safeguarding the territorial, cultural, social, political and economic rights of the people of the Northeast region. [Read more:](#)

Rally against increasing crime on women

Source: The Northeast Today, 22 Oct 2013

A massive rally spearhead by Women Action for Development was taken out in Imphal on Tuesday in protest against ever-increasing crimes against women and children in Manipur. It set out from Chinga Makhong and marched upto Kakwa where a public meeting was held at Pukhri Achouba Mapal community hall in Kakwa bazaar under Singjamei. [Read more:](#)

National seminar held on protecting women and girl child trafficking

Source: The Sangai Express, 7 Oct 2013

A two-day national seminar on 'protecting women and girl child from trafficking' organised by Manipur Women Coordinating Council commenced from today at Manipur Press Club with Manipur State Commission for Women chairperson Dr L Ibetombi Devi gracing the inauguration programme as the chief guest. Expressing strong resentment against the increasing incidents of violence against women and girl child in Manipur, Dr Ibetombi stressed on collective effort from every section of the society. [Read more:](#)

'National Human Rights Commission irrelevant in Northeast India'

Source: Morung Express, 24 Oct 2013

The Naga Peoples Movement for Human Rights (NPMHR) has termed as irrelevant the role and function of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in the North East. According to a press note from the NPMHR, unless a radical change in the laws and also to limit the impunity enjoyed under AFSPA is changed, the visit of the NHRC would remain a meaningless exercise for the people of Northeast India, including Manipur. [Read more:](#)

'NE ethnic outfit and voice fusion' audition on Oct 14

Source: Nagalandpost.com, 6, Oct 2013

'NE ethnic outfit and voice fusion' audition would be held on October 14, at Dimapur. 'NE ethnic outfit and voice fusion', is an entertainment project, promoted by Better Life Foundation Nagaland to identify, nurture and promote local artist and ethnic fashion designers in the global market vision. This project would create vibrant platform to promote dual talent. [Read more:](#)

Sikkim to launch India's first Cyber Village

Source: Thenortheasttoday, 7 Oct 2013

Sikkim will witness a change in its history as it is all set to receive the recognition for being the First Cyber Village in India. The concept has been bought forward by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Pawan Chamling. His dream of converting all the villages of Sikkim into Cyber Villages got a first breath of life on 2nd October, 2013. [Read more:](#)

World War - II veterans pay homage to martyrs at Kohima War Cemetery

Source: Easternmirrornagaland.com, 14, Oct 2013

A thirteen-member delegation of the Royal British Legion from United Kingdom, including two World War II veterans, Thomas Taylor and Williams Lavery, visited the Kohima War Cemetery on Monday to pay homage to the martyrs. [Read more:](#)

Akula conferred Mother Teresa Int'l Distinguished Award 2013

Source: Isikkim.com, 8, Oct 2013

Senior member of SAATO, Tak Tuk Bhutia, popularly known as Akula, it's conferred Mother Teresa International Distinguished Service Award 2013. He was given this award by the Nexus Eclat Honours Society in recognition of his excellent and commendable contributions in the field of 'social service'. [Read more:](#)

Tawang festival to speed up socio-economic development: CM

Source: Zeenews, 21 Oct 2013

A complete package comprising adventure, religious, spiritual, health, cultural and eco tourism has been suggested by Chief Minister Nabam Tuki for a holistic growth of the tourism sector of the state here. Inaugurating the three-day festival yesterday, Tuki suggested a complete package comprising adventure, religious, spiritual, health, cultural and eco tourism for a holistic growth of the tourism sector which had a tremendous potential to benefit the people of the district. [Read more:](#)

Baseball-ing in Manipur

Source: Mumbaimirror.com, 6, Oct 2013

Mirra Banks had travelled to India a number of times, but in 2006 she experienced something that was incredible, a story that filmmakers only dream about. That year, with the support of some friends, Banks and a small crew travelled from New York to Manipur in search of a story about baseball and the passion Manipuris have for the American sport. [Read more:](#)

Manipuri Association, North East India (MANEI) floated with a mission

Source: Hueiyen News Service, 2 Oct 2013

With the stated aims and objectives of promoting unity, co-operation and emotional integration among the Manipuris living in different parts of the northeast region, a new social organisation called Manipuri Association, North East India (MANEI) has been formed. Aims and objectives of the newly formed organisation include to protect the economic and the political rights of Manipuri people; to uphold and preserve the Manipuri culture, heritage and custom; [Read more:](#)

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) releases fund for Meghalaya

Source: The Sangai Express, 2 Oct 2013

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) releases \$100 million project fund for secondary and vocational training in Meghalaya. Supporting Human Capital Development project in Meghalaya is ADB's first loan in India focusing on boosting education and skills. [Read more:](#)

Hornbill International Rock Contest 2013 announced

Source: Sevendary.com, 12 Oct 2013

Arguably one of the biggest tourism and youth festivals in South East Asia, it's time to gear up for the upcoming annual Hornbill Festival of Nagaland again, where over 3,00,000 festive goers is expected for this year's celebration. The festival has been extended till 10th of December this year to commemorate its statehood Golden Jubilee. [Read more:](#)

Tripura gets special courts for crimes against women

Source: Zeenews, 4 Oct 2013

The Tripura High Court has constituted two fast track courts to deal with cases of crime against women following a request from the state government, an official said here on Friday. A notification issued Friday by the Tripura High Court's registrar general, Manik Chakraborty, said all pending cases of crimes against women will be transferred to these two courts. [Read more:](#)

Mary Kom honoured in Mumbai

Source: Assamtribune, 2 Oct 2013

Mumbai-based non-government organisation My Home India (MHI) has felicitated London Olympics bronze medalist and five times world champion boxer MC Mary Kom by giving her One India Award during a function at Rang Sharda Auditorium at Mumbai last night, reports here said. [Read more:](#)

Direct flights between Northeast India, ASEAN soon

Source: Assamtribune, 7 Oct 2013

The North Eastern States are likely to inch closer to the South East Asian countries with a new air service agreement throwing open the possibility of major cities of the region having direct air connectivity with the neighbouring countries. [Read more:](#)

Indian football needs right people: Bhaichung

Source: Assamtribune, 21 Oct 2013

Former Indian football captain Bhaichung Bhutia today said that even renowned coach Alex Ferguson would not be able to take India into World Cup without proper infrastructure and involvement of committed people in the running of the game in the country. [Read more:](#)

Manipur is slum-free state, reveals census

Source: The Times of India. 11 Oct 2013

The Registrar General of India has recorded the state's slum population at 1, 97,266 - the highest in the northeastern region - while Manipur has been reported as a total slum-free state. The slum population in the state accounts for 0.63 per cent of the total population of 3,12,05,576 crore, according to a Census report on slums for 2011, which was published recently. [Read more:](#)

Scientist rues lack of supercomputers in North East

Source: The Times of India, 6 Oct 2013

Most leading engineering colleges and research institutes in the northeast do not have supercomputers to compete with the rest of the country, rued Pradeep K Sinha, renowned scientist and senior director of high performance computing (HPC), research and development, Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC). [Read more:](#)

India-Myanmar-Thailand trilateral highway soon

Source: Assamtribune, 22 Oct 2013

The proposed highway covering India, Myanmar and Thailand is expected to be operational soon, Commerce and Industry Minister Anand Sharma said today, reports PTI. The highway will help in smoother and faster movement of goods between these regions [Read more:](#)

Literary Festival coming soon in Sikkim

Source: Isikkim.com, 25, Oct 2013

Cinedarbaar Welfare Society is set to organise a Literary Festival in the state of Sikkim. The festival will be co-organised with the National Book Trust of India, Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India. The aim of this festival will be to not only have sessions but also some skill development programmes especially for the schools and college students. [Read more:](#)

Sikkim holds workshop on Family Planning for Northeast India states

Source: Isikkim.com, 31 Oct 2013

A two-day regional review workshop on Family Planning Programme for the North Eastern States including Orissa and West Bengal began at the local hotel yesterday. The workshop is being organised by the National Health Mission in Sikkim in collaboration with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI. [Read more:](#)

Scale Modelling: an emerging art in Shillong

Source: The Northeast Today, 21 Oct 2013

Scale Modelling may be a new art but it surely is emerging. Recently, an exhibition on Scale Modelling was held in Shillong - the first of its kind in the nation. [Read more:](#)

Zo Unification-A Convention held in Mizoram

Source: Thenortheasttoday, 5 Oct 2013

In a bid to unify all Chin-Kuki-Mizo tribes, the 3rd World Zo Re-Unification Organization was held at, Nanapa Hall, Aizawl on the 4th of October 2013 which was organised by Zo Re-Unification Organization (ZORO), one of the largest Zo (Mizo) organizations which aims at re-unifying all the Zo tribes by bringing them under one political governance. [Read more:](#)

Manipur film "Kungyee" selected for World Premiere at Melbourne

Source: Thenortheasttoday, 5 Oct 2013

Kungyee, a documentary film produced by Pamreiso Shimray and directed by Chaoob Thiyam, has been selected for World Premiere at Aperture Festival at Melbourne, Australia slated for November 22 to 23. In an official selection of films declared on Friday, the organisers of Asia Pacific International Ethnographic Documentary Festival 2013 announced the selection of Kungyee among 13 films for Experiential Ethnographic Films Program and 17 films for Cinematic Program. [Read more:](#)

Mizoram Education Department and Ratan Tata Trust inked MoU

Source: Thenortheasttoday, 10 Oct 2013

Mizoram Education Department and Ratan Tata Trust & Navajbai Ratan Tata Trust have inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for a joint venture for further progress and improvement of education in Mizoram. [Read more:](#)

Tripura gets ready boost incense stick industry

Source: Thenortheasttoday, 10 Oct 2013

Tripura has got an approval of Rs. 7.5 crore for augmenting incense stick sector for 4 years, Industries and Commerce Minister Jitendra Chaudhury said. The state Forest Department has now taken a five year perspective plan to raise annual revenue generation from bamboo sector from the existing Rs. 116 crore to Rs. 200 crore. Tripura Bamboo Mission (TBM) started function in 2007. The state used to have an annual turnover of Rs. 28 crore from bamboo sector at the time of its inception. [Read more:](#)

Mizoram journo to participate in ASEAN-India Summit

Source: The Northeast Today, 9 Oct 2013

Lairambutsaiha, the president of Mizoram Journalist Association (MJA) has left for Brunei today to participate in the 11th ASEAN- India Summit and 8th East Asia Summit which is to be held October 10, one of the south east Asian countries. [Read more:](#)

Assam boy bags 2nd runner's up at Karaoke World Championship final at Mumbai

Source: The Northeast Today, 10 Oct 2013

Held at Canvas, a posh lounge bar at Mumbai, Farhad Hussain from Guwahati MTV AND Mc McDowles the 3rd prize in the male category of the Karaoke World Championship, India league organized by India league organized by MTV AND Mc McDowles no.1 on the 6th of October in Mumbai. [Read more:](#)

Young Naga cycle for greener world

Source: The Northeast Today, 19 Oct 2013

Two young men from Nagaland, Sievituo Solo and Ruokuo Kire, are on a mission to mark an inspirational journey and travel three thousand kilometers from Nagaland to New Delhi via Bhutan and Nepal. Kick starting the expedition Friday from Kohima. Carrying the message 'Re-Cycling for Greener Environment,' Sievituo shared that the idea of a greener environment should not just connote planting trees, but in a broader sense connect to healthy living. [Read more:](#)

Festival on age-old ties between hills and valleys

Source: The Northeast Today, 19 Oct 2013

The Mera Hou Chongba, a festival displaying the age-old relationship of the valley and hill was celebrated with gaiety and pomp in Imphal on Saturday. Traditional dance and songs were performed by different troupes from the two communities as part of the celebration at the holy temple of Lainingthou Sanamahi at Haying Khongbal Yumpham. It was organised by the Lainingthou Sanamahi Temple Board. [Read more:](#)

Tiger, Man, Spirit: A Nagaland Folk tale

Source: Talleststory.com

There was once a lady called Dzùlia Mosùa. One day she was sleeping on abig flat stone and a mist of cloud covered her and she got pregnant. Subsequently, she gave birth to three children- Spirit, Tiger and Man. The human being was the youngest one amongst them.When their mother died, the tiger and the spirit were outside and the human buried his mother under the fireplace. [Read more:](#)

Apatani tribesmen of Arunachal Pradesh

Source: Sevendary.com

The Apatani is an ethnic tribal group living in the Ziro valley, Lower Subansiri district of Arunachal Pradesh. Since time immemorial, the Apatani have had a democratic system of running the society. The village council is known as the Bulyang. The first contact with the Europeans occurred in 1897, when British officials came to stay in the valley for two days; six similar brief visits were later held between the 1920s and 1930s. [Read more:](#)

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