

NORTH EAST INDIA WOMEN INITIATIVE FOR PEACE

Newsletter, May 2012

Dear Friends,

The struggle to get justice for the two wrongful deaths of Northeast students in Bangalore and in Gurgoan continued through May 2012.

On 2nd May 2012, Students team from various universities in Delhi led by Manipur Women Gun Survivors Network demonstrated at Amity University, Gurgoan for demanding of Justice for the wrongful death of a northeast student, Ms Dana Sangma an MBA student of Amity University. On 3rd May 2012, Manipur Women Gun Survivor Network and Control Arms Foundation of India lead and organized along with various Northeast India youth groups candle light vigil at India Gate, New Delhi demanding justice for wrongful death of Ms Dana Sangma.

Please find here May 2012 issue newsletter, positive news of April 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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Students from National Capital Region protest at Amity campus, demand action

Source: Times of India, 02 May, 2012

Students of different educational institutions in the NCR, led by Beenalakshmi Nepram, a Meghalaya-based social activist, gathered at the Amity University campus here to protest against the university administration and police for not taking any action against those allegedly responsible for the suicide of 21-year-old MBA student Dana Silva M Sangma. [Read more:](#)

Over 200 show solidarity with Sangma at India Gate

Source: Times of India, 03 May, 2012

Supporters, friends and family members of Dana Sangma - the 21-year-old student at Amity University's Pachgaon branch, who allegedly committed suicide in her hostel room on April 24 - gathered for a candle-light vigil at India Gate on Wednesday evening. [Read more:](#)

Justice for Richard Loitam candle light vigil at New Delhi – MSAD

Source: Kanglaonline, 05 May 2012

The Manipur Students' Association Delhi (MSAD) had organised a demonstration and a candle light vigil on 29 April 2012 to condole the untimely lost of Richard Loitam and to protest his murder on 17th April by his hostel mates and the denial of justice. [Read more:](#)

Deaths of students unites N-E groups

Source: Deccan Herald, 01 May, 2012

The north-eastern community in Bangalore and New Delhi has mobilised strongly over the deaths of Loitam who was from Manipur and Dana Sangma, a girl student from Meghalaya, in Delhi. Dana, a niece of Meghalaya Chief Minister Mukul Sangma and a student of Amity University, reportedly committed suicide in her hostel room [Read more:](#)

Govt to ensure security of students from North East: Chidambaram

Source: The Hindu, 04 May 2012

Rejecting the contention that students from North East are subjected to discrimination and racial profiling, Home Minister P. Chidambaram on Friday said the Government will take every step to ensure their security and asked States to do the same. [Read more:](#)

Schizophrenic Alienation of N.E India: Its Historical Roots

Source: Epao.net, 16 May 2012

It is purely by an accident in history that North East formed a part of India. The social formation in mainland India and North East must first of all be explained from historical perspective of three definable phases of periods: pre-colonial, colonial and post-colonial periods. [Read more:](#)

Richard Loitam: An Alien In His Own Country?

Source: The Sangai express, 13 May 2012

On the afternoon of July 15, 2004, 12 women disrobed themselves and stood naked in front of the Indian paramilitary headquarters in Imphal. Together they held a single length of white cloth that had "Indian Army Rape Us" emblazoned on it in red paint. [Read more:](#)

Study on North East India expose glaring knowledge gap – Northeast India Image Managers

Source: kanglaonline, 9 May 2012

In a first of its kind survey about the perception of North East India amongst the people in rest of the country conducted by the North East India Image Managers (NELim), a voluntary group of communication professionals, it was found that as high as 52% of the respondents have a negative perception about this region of India. [Read more:](#)

ICC organised NE India-Opportunities Conference in Guwahati

Source: The Northeast today, 9 May 2012

ASEAN Connectivity with Northeast India important to explore and tap NE India potential: Singapore Foreign Affairs and Law Minister Shanmugam HE Kasiviswanathan SHANMUGAM, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Law, Republic of Singapore & Mr Jonathan TOW Shen Han, Acting High Commissioner [Read more:](#)

Debate: A case of racial profiling?

Source: Times of India, 01 May 2012

It has been 7 days since Dana Sangma was found dead in her hostel room in Amity University. The outrage over her death is only growing by the day. Students and activists protested against the Amity University campus against the alleged discrimination against the students of the northeast, especially Dana. [Read more:](#)

Debate: Victims of discrimination?

Source: Times of India, 01 May 2012

Two deaths of students from the Northeast in the last 2 weeks, have sparked a fury like never before. Students groups have even written to the Prime Minister, seeking his intervention. The Chief Ministers of the seven states too are coming out and acknowledging that there was discrimination. [Read more:](#)

First Wooden car invented by B. Patgiri in Northeast India

Source: Zolenthe.net, 3 May 2012

Bhaskar Patgiri from Assam has invented a first wooden car in Northeast India. The wooden car price will be more than Rs 86,000 and gives a mileage of 25 km/litre of petrol. Bhaskar informed that he started work on making the car on January 1st and completed his work on February 22 this year and the scooter in the year 2002.. [Read more:](#)

For Native American Women, Scourge of Rape, Rare Justice

Source: The New York Times, 22 May 2012

She was 19, a young Alaska Native woman in this icebound fishing village of 800 in the Yukon River delta, when an intruder broke into her home and raped her. The man left. Shaking, the woman called the tribal police, a force of three. It was late at night. [Read more:](#)

Panel set up to study status of Indian women

Source: Zeenews, 17 May 2012

The government has set up a high-level committee to undertake comprehensive study on the status of women in India as well as to evolve appropriate policy interventions based on a contemporary assessment of women's needs, parliament was informed Thursday. [Read more:](#)

Delhi-based global diaspora think tank released newsletter 'Roots and Routes'

Source: Indiaeducationdiary.com, 18 May, 2012

Roots and Routes, the monthly Newsletter of the Global Research Forum for Diaspora and Transnationalism (GRFDT) was released by Dr. A. Didar Singh, former Secretary of Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs (MOIA), Government of India and Guest of Honour Ambassador Paramjit Singh Sahai at a Seminar on "India's Diaspora Policy and Advocacy" [Read more:](#)

Sudeep Chakravarti's 'Highway 39' about complexities in North East India

Source: IBN Live, 24 May, 2012

Sudeep Chakravarti is the author of 'Red Sun: Travels in Naxalite Country' and the novels 'Tin Fish', 'The Avenue of Kings' and 'Once Upon a Time in Aparanta'. His latest book gives a detail account of the socio-political complexities and ethnic divisions prevalent in the North East region [Read more:](#)

Northeast India Rules

Source: The Northeast Today, 15 May 2012

For connoisseurs of art and culture, Panchkula in Haryana was the place to be last week. This small township in the northern part of the country was host to the gala Silver Jubilee celebrations of the seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) of the country. [Read more:](#)

Northeast India Matters: The need to know and understand

Source: IBN Live, 21 May, 2012

I came across this quote a few summers back in the National Museum of the American Indian in New York. The words came back to me as I started penning my thoughts for my maiden article for IBNLive. Writing at a time when the work and memories of massive protests following the events that rocked India after the wrongful deaths of two young people from India's northeast in Bangalore and in Gurgoan [Read more:](#)

Association of Manipuri Diaspora (AMAND), Pune formed

Source: Epao.net, 01 May 2012

We, the people from Manipur who are residing in and around Pune irrespective of religion, caste, colour, creed do need to form a common platform from where issues can be raised and/or problems can be solved together as well as to strengthen the sense of bonhomie and harmony amongst the people of India in general and Manipur [Read more:](#)

Strangers in their own land: N.E People in Indian Metropolis

Source: Mizonews, 27 May 2012

Mizoram's Chief Minister, Lal Thanhawla last year said, in Singapore while attending a conference: "I feel more at home here than in India". This is also the feeling of other north eastern people staying in mainland India. [Read more:](#)

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