

## NORTH EAST INDIA WOMEN INITIATIVE FOR PEACE JULY 2013 NEWSLETTER

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 July 2013 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.

**Binalakshmi Nephram of Manipur, Northeast India in Top 100 most influential people in world on armed violence reduction**  
Source: E-pao.net, 2 July 2013

In 2011, at least 526,000 people died violent deaths around the world. Over three-quarters of these occurred in non-conflict settings. A wide range of people around the globe are working to change this depressing reality. Members of London-based organization called Action on Armed Violence have published on 28th June a list of 100 people who are outstanding examples of those trying to change the world for the better. The list includes United Nations Secretary General Ban ki Moon, Nobel Laureates like Jody Williams and Former US President Jimmy Carter and survivors like Malala Yosufzai. [Read more](#)

**Arunachali woman receives National Youth Award**  
Source: The Northeast Today, 5 July 2013

Tilling Yam of Arunachal Pradesh has been awarded the National Youth Award 2011-2012 by President Pranab Mukherjee. Tilling Yam was one among 27 individuals who was conferred for the National Youth Award by the President in a function at the Darbar Hall of Rashtrapati Bhawan on the 4th of July 2013. Hailing from Hong village in Lower Subansiri district, Tilling Yam was selected for the award for her voluntary and community service to the society. [Read more](#)

**19-year-old Sikkimese boy builds Hydro Power Generator**  
Source: Sevendiary.com, 29 July 2013

Bikal Rai, a 19-year-old from Sikkim, is more than just a young inventor who's into electronics. Although he was forced to drop out from school due to financial hardship, after passing his tenth standard at Middle Camp Secondary School in 32 mile, East Sikkim. Recently, he came up with the idea to build hydro power generator that produces 2.3 volt energy, powerful enough to switch on 3 bulbs and charges up to four mobile phones at once, reported about his latest invention. [Read more](#)

**Taste Northeast India in corner of Delhi**  
Source: Nagaland Post, 28 July 2013

In an uncharacteristically quiet corner of New Delhi's ever-changing Hauz Khas Village, Rosang Café dishes out hearty, home-style flavors from India's eight northeastern states. The café, with wooden floors and framed photos of the northeast on its walls, seats around 25-30 people at six tables in its main floor. A private room upstairs fits 8-10 people on one table, states a report carried in the Time of India. [Read more](#)

**Sushila Chanu To Lead India Hockey Team: Four Manipuri women Hockey players selected for FIH Junior World Cup**  
Source: E-pao.net, 30 June 2013

P.Sushila Chanu of Manipur will lead the Indian women Hockey Team in the FIH Women's Junior World Cup Hockey to be held from 27th July to 4th August 2013 at Monchengladbach in West Germany. Four women players from Manipur have been selected to participate in the Women's Junior World Cup Hockey. They are Th.Pinky Devi (Defender), P.Sushila Chanu (Midfielder), Lily Chanu Mayengbam (Forward) and N.Sanarik Chanu (Goalkeeper). Sushila Chanu will be the team captain of the 18-member squad. [Read more](#)

**Tongam Rina, Associate Editor of the Arunachal Times selected for German Media Award**  
Source: Sevendiary.com, 14 July 2013

Tongam Rina, Associate Editor of the Arunachal Times who was critically injured in a murder attempt by gunmen on July 15 last year, is among six journalists across the globe selected for an prestigious German media award "Prize for the Freedom and Future of the Media 2013" by Media Foundation in Germany. [Read more](#)

**Para-athlete Devendra gives India historic gold**  
Source: MSN, 27 July 2013

Battling all odds, paralympian Devendra Jhajharia scripted history for India as he gave the country its maiden gold medal in the World Paralympic Championships in the javelin throw (F-47 category) event in Lyon, France. According to information received here, the 32-year-old Devendra, whose left arm was amputated after an accident, won the gold medal Sunday by hurling the javelin to 57.04 metres, his personal best performance [Read more](#)

**Easterine Kire Iralu, a poet, a storyteller and a novelist from Nagaland**  
Source: Sevendiary.com, 12 July 2013

A poet, a storyteller and a novelist, Easterine Kire (Iralu) from Nagaland is one of the finest in her field Northeast India has ever given birth to. She has to her credit four English novels, including three volumes of poetry and short stories. Her first novel 'A Naga Village Remembered' was released in the year 2003. It became the first-ever Naga novel to be published. Easterine has translated about 200 oral poems from her native language, Tenyidie, into English. [Read more](#)

**Tuluni Festival of the Sumi-Naga community of Nagaland**  
Source: Sevendiary.com, 6 July 2013

Tuluni festival is celebrated by the Sumi-Naga community of Nagaland. This festival is generally held in the mid-year (July) to mark the completion of paddy plantation and marked with feasts as the occasion occurs in the bountiful season of the year. Drinking rice beer indispensably forms as part of feast. Rice beer is served in a goblet made of bamboo or leaf of plantain. This indigenous drink consumption is called Tuluni which gives the festival its name. [Read more](#)

**Historical Artifacts found at Dhansiri subdivision on the Assam – Nagaland border**  
Source: Northeast Post, 5 July 2013

Dhansiri subdivision on the Assam – Nagaland border is famous for its historical monuments and ancient ruins. Recently several statues of deities Sivalingas, temples, coins, inscriptions, pucca walls have been recovered at places like Nagazuri, Dubarani, Alichiga, Jengani, Sukiapather etc. Several ancient coins had been recovered recently at Jengani and Alichiga. Some of the statues of Sivalingas and inscriptions have been taken in his possession by Dr HN Dutta, director, Assam Archaeological department. [Read more](#)

**Implications of Trans-Asian Highway in North East India**  
Source: Claws, 28 July 2013

The most cursory look at a map shows that the territory of India commonly referred to as the Northeast is demonstrably landlocked with no outlet to the sea. An even more unique aspect of Northeast India, which comprises seven states (Sikkim, artificially tagged on for political reasons, is not included)[1] is that each of these states is also 'internally locked'. Each of these states also shares one (in three cases, more than one) international border. The lack of easy access to their neighbours and extreme difficulties [Read more](#)

**Genetic Status Of North-East India's Adi Tribe of Arunachal Pradesh Detailed**  
Source: Science Daily, 7 July 2008

North-east India has always been a hotspot for population geneticists due to its unique, strategic geographic location and the presence of linguistically, culturally and demographically diverse populations practicing varied occupations (from hunter-gathering to settled agriculture). Dr T.S. Vasulu and colleagues at the Indian Statistical Institute examine, for the first time, the genetic status of sub-tribes of one such remotely located tribal cluster -- the Adi, a Tibeto-Burman-speaking tribe of Arunachal Pradesh in the north-east of India. [Read more](#)

**Malayala Manorama Apologizes for its mistake about Assam information**  
Source: North East Blog, 8 July 2013

The editorial team of Manorama Yearbook 2013 today tendered their written apology for the mistakes in their Manorama Yearbook 2013, following a complaint by North East India Image Managers (NEIIM) on the matter on 5th of July, 2013. It may also be noted that, Mr. Suresh Ranjan Goduka also contacted editorial team of Manoram Year Book 2013 and he has also updated his Facebook status that he has received apology from them and has assured that the mistakes would be 'rectified' in their 'forthcoming edition'. [Read more](#)

**Sudeep Chakravarti unravels northeast's bloody history in new book**  
Source: DNA, 5 July 2013

The vast swathe of land in India's northeast is still restive with eddies of turbulence. Writer-columnist Sudeep Chakravarti says northeastern India has remained an "outland"-a region which is out of sight of the majority of Indians living "inland" and, therefore, outside any digestible construct. Chakravarti, the author of "Red Sun: Travels in Naxalite Country" published in 2008, has moved to a new terrain from the boonlocks of eastern India to unravel the history of insurgency and civil strife in the northeast in his new book, "Highway 39: Journeys Through a Fractured Land". [Read more](#)

**Folklore From North-East India – A Singpho Tribe of Arunachal Pradesh Tale On How The World Was Created**  
Source: Greener Pastors, 6 Sep 2012

The Singpho Tribe reside in the state of Arunachal Pradesh in India, and in China and Myanmar where they are known as Jingpo and Kachin respectively. They are known for their fierce independence, disciplined martial art skills and for their lifestyle where nature parts a important role. Here is a local Singpho lore originating from Arunachal Pradesh, and explains their belief about the creation of the world: "At the beginning there was no earth and nor any sky. All there was cloud and mist. From it was born a woman called Khupning-Kuam. Since she came from the mist, she was very much like a cloud. [Read more](#)

**The Seven Poor Sons (Laira Macha Taret) Animal Fable of Manipur**  
Source: Epao.net

Once upon a time, there lived a poor couple who had seven sons. They cannot even once feed their children properly so they decided to abandon them in the forest. So one day, the mother cooked bread for each of them and the father took them to the forest on the pretext of searching fruits. The youngest son was very clever; he did not eat the bread but instead left trails of their route with pieces of his bread. When they reached deep into the forest, the father told them that he had to attain his nature call and asked them to wait there for him. [Read more](#)

**Sikkim Actress wins Los Angeles Film Festival 2013 award**  
Source: Sevendiary.com, 8 July 2013

Sikkim actress Geetanjali Thapa has bagged "Best Performance in Narrative Competition" award for her role in Kamal K.M's 'I.D' at Los Angeles Film Festival 2013. She is notably the first Sikkimese lady to fetch a lead role in Bollywood, portraying a character of Charu in the much-acclaimed film "I.D." that has won seven awards at various film festival around the globe so far. Thapa had earlier won the award for 'Best Actress' at Imagineindia International Film Festival, Madrid. [Read more](#)

**India's longest bridge to connect Assam and Arunachal**  
Source: Rediff.com, 24 July 2013

Scheduled to be completed in 2016, the 4.94 km rail-cum-road bridge, India's longest bridge, will come up across the mighty Brahmaputra at Bogibeel in Assam. It is not only expected to be a lifeline for the Northeast, but will also strengthen the country's security. A product of the 1985 Assam Accord that is being implemented by the North East Frontier Railway, the bridge will provide connectivity to upper Assam and Arunachal Pradesh and cut down the distance to the border with China by 10 hours. [Read more](#)

**Manipur plans fourth all-women market**  
Source: The Telegraph, 10 July 2013

Manipur government is planning to construct one more all-women market near the old Assembly complex here and has submitted a detailed project report to the Centre for its approval. The three existing all-women markets were established much before British imperialists set foot in Manipur — at a time when the state was a thriving kingdom. The old structures were replaced with new ones in November 2010 when UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi inaugurated these. [Read more](#)

**Special Scholarship for all Science Students": CM**  
Source: The Northeast Today, 25 July 2013

Special Scholarship for all science students in the State will be introduced in the State", announced the Meghalaya Chief Minister, Dr Mukul Sangma today while speaking at the inaugural session of the two day International Seminar on 'Attracting Best Talents in Basic Science', organised by the Shillong College in the college premises to mark the Golden Jubilee of Teaching Science in Shillong College. [Read more](#)

**Medical college in Kohima soon**  
Source: Kanglaonline, 23 July 2013

The long felt dream for a medical college in Nagaland could soon become a reality with finalization of the site at the District Hospital Kohima, in P Khel of Kohima Village. Health & Family Welfare Minister Imkong L. Imchen along with Parliamentary Secretary Dr Neihikiesalie Kire, Commissioner and Secretary of Village and Family Welfare Sentyanger, Principal Director Dr Neiphi Kire and departmental officers met with the Kohima Village Council here at the Council Hall this evening. [Read more](#)

**Reliance to launch 4G in Assam and other North East states**  
Source: Sevendiary.com, 22 July 2013

Reliance Jio Infocomm to introduce 4G network services in the Northeast states by April next year. The company will be investing about Rs 600 to Rs 700 crore in the first phase of the project and will later gradually scaled up the investment, says Times of India. [Read more](#)

**Korean tech-guru and cultural team to visit Northeast**  
Source: Sevendiary.com, 21 July 2013

South Korean tech-obsessed artist Hojun Song, the only person in the world to send a personal DIY satellite into orbit three months ago, will be visiting Northeastern states as part of a cultural engagement delegation from South Korea on a 10-day tour of the region next month in August. Their visit will be initiated by the Academy of Electronic Arts — for exploring the potential for cultural engagement and to open new opportunities between the Northeastern region and the East Asian country [Read more](#)

**North-east India gets its first digital library**  
Source: First Post Life, 28 July 2013

Northeast India's first digital library with around 15,000 ebooks and journals was opened here Friday. "The digital library project is the brainchild of former president APJ Abdul Kalam. This is estimated at Rs 1,800 crore during the Assam Assembly Budget Sessions for the year 2013-14. Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogi, told the media on Thursday that the central government had sanctioned an amount of Rs.25 crore for the feasibility study and the preparation of a Detailed Project Report (DPR). [Read more](#)

**DU to have hostel for students from northeast India**  
Source: Hindustantimes, 17 July 2013

The Centre has agreed in principle to construct a hostel for students from north-eastern states at the north campus of Delhi University, DU, Lok Sabha member from Arunachal Pradesh Takant Sanjoy said on Wednesday. "The hostel to be constructed, in addition to the existing ones, is the outcome of the Takant Sanjoy with various Delhi-based NE students' bodies, besides Delhi University Students' Union," Sanjoy said in a statement on Wednesday. [Read more](#)

**Assam passes Anti-Tobacco Bill**  
Source: Sevendiary.com, 20 July 2013

Assam government has passed the much awaited "Assam Health Bill, 2013" that prohibits advertisement, manufacture, trade, storage, distribution, sale and consumption of Zarda, Gutka and Paan Masala containing tobacco in the state on Friday. The bill, which has been signed with two amendments each from the ruling and opposition parties, will come into implementation after getting the assent from the Governor of Assam and issue of the gazette notification. [Read more](#)

**White revolution plan in Assam, Amul style**  
Source: The Telegraph, 21 July 2013

The dairy sector in Assam may be in for better times, as the country's market leader, Amul, is starting operations in the state. "We shall replicate the Amul model in Assam to help local dairy farmers and will launch our products within three months," Amul Dairy managing director Rahul Kumar told The Telegraph. The Amul model of dairy development is a three-tier structure with dairy cooperative societies at the village level federated under a milk union at the district level and a federation of member unions at the state level. [Read more](#)

**Mizoram Bamboo Development Master Plan soon**  
Source: Mizo News, 22 July 2013

A committee under the leadership of NLUP Nodal Minister H.Liansailova with his office chamber on Saturday discussed the Bamboo Development Master Plan for Mizoram. Bamboos, which is the largest available forest resources in the state, needs lots of promotion, the members said. The officials also felt the need to review and amend the Mizoram State Bamboo Policy 2002. [Read more](#)

**Six North-Eastern states may log on to Net via Bangladesh**  
Source: Samachar.com, 14 July 2013

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) is planning to improve Internet connectivity in the North-Eastern states through the neighbouring country of Bangladesh. According to an internal note, DoT has asked Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) to examine the financial and technical viability of Internet connectivity to the North-East India via Cox's Bazar region in Bangladesh. [Read more](#)

**Centre approves Guwahati Metro project**  
source: Sevendiary.com, 15 July 2013

The central government has accepted the proposal for Guwahati Metro Rail Project in Assam. The entire project would cost Rs 14,000 crore. Earlier in March, the project was estimated at Rs 1,800 crore during the Assam Assembly Budget Sessions for the year 2013-14. Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogi, told the media on Thursday that the central government had sanctioned an amount of Rs.25 crore for the feasibility study and the preparation of a Detailed Project Report (DPR). [Read more](#)

**Arunachal Pradesh to get NIFT soon**  
Source: Sevendiary, 11 July 2013

Arunachal Pradesh to get a National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) set up at Sagalee in Papum Pare district, 50 kms from the state capital Itanagar. The Union ministry of Textiles has approved for the establishment of the second NIFT centre in the Northeast states. The first NIFT in the region was set up in Shillong, in Shillong. During a meeting with Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Nabam Tuki in New Delhi recently, Union minister for textiles K.S. Rao has disclosed the approval [Read more](#)

**Ngangbam Shantikumar wins Mr World title**  
Source: E-pao. 8 July 2013

Dr Ngangbam Shantikumar Meetei clinched the Mr World title in the Mr World, 2013 contest held under the aegis of INBA (International Natural Bodybuilding Association)-2013 at Zakynthos, Greece on 7th July, 2013. Talking to Hueiyen Lanpao from Greece, Dr Shantikumar, who settled in Taipei, Taiwan as a Taiwanese said, "Yes! I won gold for Manipur" and dedicated the same to his fellow Manipuri and parents. [Read more](#)

**Manipuri girl wins silver at Asian Junior Championships**  
Source: Sevendiary.com, 7 July 2013

Saikhom Mirabai Chanu, an 18-year-old Manipuri Weightlifter has bagged a silver medal in 48 kg category at Asian Junior Championships in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. In 2012, she was the only Weightlifter from India to clinched three bronze medals for Team India at the 19th Junior Women Asian Weightlifting Championships in Yangon in Myanmar. [Read more](#)

**Nagaland's 1st Anime Cosplay Competition**  
Source: Sevendiary.com 1 July 2013

Nagaland's first Anime Cosplay festival celebrated with an attendance of over 500 fans of anime, manga, video games and comic fantasy fandoms at The Heritage in Kohima on June 29. Despite it had got started-tag this year, the one-day festival did managed to attract anime lovers "cosplaying" their favourite anime characters, even from the neighboring states of Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur. Anime body art and caricature stalls, comic book stalls, karaoke bars and chiraku ramen stalls were also the popular favorites during the event. [Read more](#)

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