

NORTH EAST INDIA WOMEN INITIATIVE FOR PEACE

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For more than a century women and women's organisations and movements have mobilised support for social empowerment, economic justice, democracy, human rights and conflict prevention. Women groups in Northeast India have developed many a powerful programme of direct, non-violent, action designed to confront the fire of insurgency that has for long engulfed this strategic region since the late 1940s. In India's northeast, women have always played a major role in many peace and social movements. However, most of their actions remain in "protest" form and after the initial action dies down, nothing much happens. We, the women of Northeast India need to make ourselves understand the issues of war, conflict, peace. Only through our joint, continued and persistent efforts peace would one day follow.

In the past two months, our office, in collaboration of Centre for Politics, Organization and Disarmament (CIPOD) Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi organized a Panel Discussion on United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security and the Arms Trade Treaty on 19 November 2010. For more details, log on to cafi-online.org.in. Also we had a Parliamentarians briefing on 2 December where women parliamentarians from Northeast India attended and supported our initiative. And then on 19th December we had a community meeting of women survivors of gun violence held in Manipur's capital, Imphal.

Please find here Volume 1 No 5, January 2011 issue newsletter, positive news of the last two months from Northeast India and rest of the world to renew our hopes and strengthen our efforts to work towards peace making.

With kind regards,

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Secretary General, Control Arms Foundation of India

Meira Paibi Movement completes 30th year

Meira Paibis have come about to stop atrocities of security forces on the innocent civilians and not at the instigation of any UG group. So, no community or group should try to tarnish the image of the Meira Paibis, Meira Paibi leader Th Ramani has stated. Speaking at the occasion of observing the 30th anniversary of Meira Paibi movement in Manipur organised under the aegis of All Manipur Women's Social Reformation and Development Samaj, in short Nupi Samaj at the community hall of Heirangoithong Makha Awang.

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Source: Sangai Express, December 30, 2010

Nagaland Women Commission launches observation on elimination of violence against women on November 25

As per the declaration of the United Nations, the Nagaland Women Commission launched the "Fortnight observation on elimination of violence against women" on November 25 at Old MLA Hostel Junction Kohima. Concerned women Hohos (NGOs) and public of Kohima town attended the awareness campaign [Read More](#)

Source: Morung Express, November 22, 2010

Dimapur police debate on trafficking

The Dimapur range level debate on human trafficking issues on the topic 'Trafficking of women and children is on the rise in the state of Nagaland' saw more stress that not only is trafficking of women and children from the state on the rise but Nagaland is also a recipient of trafficked women and children. The debate competition which was held at the SP conference hall pointed out that a considerable percentage of the Nagas families have domestic workers, servants, most of which are trafficked from other states to Nagaland. [Read More](#)

Source: Eastern Mirror, November 19, 2010

Kejong seeks support on Naga peace process

Advisor Village Guard Organization, DBs & GBs Affairs, Kejong Chang has called upon the people to maintain peace and support the Naga peace process till tangible solution is achieved. Kejong said this while addressing the 50th Raising Day of Monyakshu Village Guard which was celebrated from November 1-3. He also gave away the Golden Jubilee Medals to the 7 outstanding VGs of Monyakshu village. [Read More](#)

Source: Eastern Mirror, November 8, 2010

Discussion on peace held

A discussion programme on the topic "Peace and Harmony" was held today at MBC Peace conference hall under the aegis of the Peace Committee, Manipur Baptist Convention. The discussion programme was organized as part of a three-day peace training programme organised by MBC was attended by senior citizens and religious leaders. [Read More](#)

Source: Imphal Free Press, November 13, 2010

Women's organization seeks 'final moratorium' on uranium project

Restating its opposition to the proposed uranium mining project in the State, the Women Against Uranium Mining in Meghalaya (WAUMM), a solidarity group of women's organizations, today urged upon the people of the State to come together against "the State-sponsored propaganda in favour of uranium mining". The WAUMM called for a "final moratorium" on uranium mining in Meghalaya. [Read More](#)

Source: Sentinel, November 9, 2010

AGP's women wing demands 30% tickets in Assembly polls

The Asom Mahila Parishad (AMP), women wing of the Asom Gana Parishad (AGP), today resolved to raise the demand for 30 per cent rickets for women candidates in the 2011 Assembly elections before the party leadership. The AMP has already prepared a list of 28 women candidates of the AGP for the 2011 Assembly elections. Some of the candidates are AMP secretary Queen Ohja for Guwahati East Legislative Assembly Constituency (LAC), Rekharani Das Boro for Barama LAC, Sushila Hazarika for Dergaon LAC and Sushila Pegu for Jonai LAC. [Read More](#)

Source: Sentinel, November 20, 2010

The lady in male domain

It was on a late wintry afternoon, while returning from Sagalee to Naharlagan, I first chanced upon this amazing lady. On my way down, I had stopped at Kheel for a cup of hot tea along with my good friend Dakbi Lombi, a Junior Teacher. Kheel, 45 kms from Sagalee, is a small time rural town situated almost at the mid point of the winding Sagalee-Naharlagan road. It is the popular refreshment point for all passengers traveling on the Itanagar-Sagalee-Pakke Kesang route. [Read More](#)

Source: Sentinel November 26, 2010

Make Delhi safer for northeast women: NGOs

Scores of people from various NGOs, students from the northeast and others participated in a protest rally in the capital Wednesday demanding speedy justice in the gangrape of a BPO staffer from Mizoram last week. They also demanded that the Delhi government issue a set of guidelines for BPOs so that the safety of their women employees is not compromised. The protest was organised by NGO Nirantar. A similar protest was organised Monday by the Mizo Students Union and the Mizo Welfare Association, voicing their anger over the rape and other similar cases of harassment against northeastern women in the capital. [Read More](#)

Source: Nagaland Post December 2, 2010

Elimination of violence against women at Wokha

Nagaland Women Commission (NWC), Kyong Eloe Hoho and district administration on December 3 jointly organized an open air rally at main traffic point Wokha town, with DC, Rovilatuo Mor (NCS) as chief guest. Speaking at the function, DC said as part of universal Human Rights to eliminate violence against women, the UN in 1999 declared November 25 as International Day for Elimination of Violence against women.

He said women still continued to be the most delicate, venerable victims of violence in various forms in the society. [Read More](#)

Source: Nagaland Post, December 4, 2010

Women rally in Dimapur

As part of International Fortnight Observation on Elimination of Violence against Women, the Naga Women Hoho, Dimapur in collaboration with Nagaland State Women Commission would be organizing a rally on December 8 at 10 a.m at Clock Tower Junction, Dimapur with additional chief secretary & development commissioner Alemtemshi Jamir as the chief guest. Other speakers at the rally would include DC Dimapur Maongwati Aier, NPMHR convenor Atoho and Naga Council, Dimapur president Savi Liegise. The Women Hoho has requested all the public and members of all Naga tribal women units to attend the programme. [Read More](#)

Source: Nagaland Post December 7, 2010

Rally against abuse of women

Since the year 1981 women activists from across the globe have been observing November 25 as a day of violence against women, the date to commemorate the brutal assassination of the three Mirabal sisters - political activists in the Dominican Republic - in 1960 on orders of Dominican dictator Rafael Trujillo. [Read More](#)

Source: Nagaland Post December 9, 2010

Ukhrul rally for elimination of violence against women

Large number of people, mostly womenfolk in Ukhrul staged a peace rally marking the "International Day for the elimination of violence against women" that was jointly organized by the Tangkhul Shanao Long (ISL) and Action of Women in Development (AWID) today, in Ukhrul town. The womenfolk were marching with placards that read, "shun violence against women", "time to wake-up" etc. [Read More](#)

Source: Morung Express December 2, 2010

'Women remain most delicate victims of violence'

Wokha Deputy Commissioner, Rovilatuo Mor today said that women remains to be the most delicate, venerable victims of violence in various forms in the society. Gender suppression, discrimination, over-exploitation of female biological differences with that of male biological dominance had led to various forms of violence, physical, psychological abuses, rapes etc through out the world as reflected in various medias. He also added that the society has to accept that women always represents the better halves of men and dominant contributor for a stable, confident, healthier home and family. [Read More](#)

Source: Morung Express December 3, 2010

DC Mon voices concern over domestic violence

DC Mon Dinesh Kumar on Friday stressed on the important role of NGOs and stakeholders in eliminating violence against women in the society. Addressing the gathering at the programme on 11th anniversary of international day for elimination of violence against women at DC's Conference hall Mon, Dinesh Kumar said "no justification is a valid justification against violence on women". [Read More](#)

Source: Nagaland Post December 11, 2010

ENSA earn for peace in 'Naga Hills'

Eastern Naga Students' Association (ENSA) has requested the NSCN cadres not to "feud with Myanmar soldier in Naga Hills" and the border areas. Nagas living under Myanmar and its borders today want to live their lives, working for their needs, have properties and have "physical relax", according to a note from the ENSA today. They are now fed up of "working busy with broken mind" the note stated. The full meaning of the contents in the note from the ENSA could not be deciphered considering constraints of language. However, it is understood that the students' are expressing frustration. [Read More](#)

Source: Morung Express December 3, 2010

Make peace, not pieces

Additional secretary finance department, Kikheto Y. Sema on Sunday gave a pious call to the people of Pughoboto area especially Sumi Baptist Akukuhou Kuqhakulu (SABAK) members to make peace and not pieces thereby underlining the role of the Church and its leaders. He was exhorting a congregation of the 10th Triennial Convention-cum-98th annual session SABAK at Chokimi village on the last day of the three-day convention. [Read More](#)

Source: Nagaland Post December 13, 2010

NMA concerned over women abuse

Raising its serious concern over the spate of violence against women, girls and children in Nagaland, the Naga Mothers' Association (NMA) Thursday urged the state government to ensure security and protect the rights and lives of women and children in the state. The NMA condemned the alleged murder of a lady in Pfishero by miscreants December 6 last. [Read More](#)

Source: Nagaland Post December 15, 2010

PEACE is the Christmas message

As many await the celebration of Christmas, the Catholic Association of Nagaland has called upon all its members to "rejoice and prepare ourselves worthily for the coming Christmas to receive Jesus in a special manner in our mind and heart." The CAN in a message received here said that Christmas is a message which "proclaims liberty to the sons of Adam, shackled with the chains of sin and guilt." Christmas is a fulfilled promise of mercy, love and peace to the countless hosts of people on earth. It is a gift from our merciful and loving God. [Read More](#)

Source: Morung Express December 5, 2010

Woman injured by stray bullet

A woman was reportedly hit by a stray bullet at Lerie colony Kohima Monday at around 11: 30 am. The incident reportedly occurred somewhere near Takklu ground when the victim identified as one Setuonuo (26) who was standing outside her sister's house felt that she was hit by something and saw blood oozing out from her thigh. Later, it was found out that she was hit by a bullet. However, the injury was said to be not a life threatening one. It was believed that the incident could be accidental and the stray bullet could have come from a hunter's gun fired in her direction. Police investigations are on as to who fired the bullet. It was yet to ascertain what type of bullet hit her as she was reportedly undergoing operation till the time of filing this report. [Read More](#)

Source: Nagaland Post December 28, 2010

Consultation on human trafficking held

The Women Action for Development and New Life Foundation jointly organized one day consultation on Human Trafficking at All Manipur Meeteei Evangelical Baptist convention Church, Paite Veng Sangaiprou, Imphal in relation with the International Fortnight Observation Protesting Violence Against Women. [Read More](#)

Source: Imphal Free Press December 1, 2010

Peace in Nagaland 2015 Campaign launched

The Annual Peace Club gathering was held on December 10, 2010 at Holy Cross Auditorium, Dimapur with 140 participants approximately. The invited guests for the programme were Rev. Dr. Robert A. Evans, Director, Plowshares Institute, USA, Athili Sapriina, Advisor, Asia Pacific Indigenous Youth Network and Toshinoro Longchar, lecturer MLC University, Shillong. It was an auspicious day for the Peace Channel members as the 'Peace in Nagaland 2015 Campaign' was launched. [Read More](#)

Source: Morung Express December 10, 2010

CCPur women decry rising crime against women

In the wake of the killing of a middle aged woman at Yaiphakol over a recent violence, the Churachandpur Joint Women Organisation, in a letter to the DC Churachandpur, expressed deep resentment after spurt of domestic and gender violence in Churachandpur district and asked the district administration to take stringent action to prevent violence against women. [Read More](#)

Source: Imphal Free Press December 18, 2010

NE girls find backers, make 'Delhi safe city' slogan raised

Several women activists and civil society representatives in Delhi came out today and condemned the recent gangrape of a North East girl on November 23. In a statement issued by the women's group, child rights groups, sexual rights groups, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer rights groups and other progressive groups, the academicians and concerned individuals, stated that they are shocked by the repeated incidents of sexual assault on women from the North East in the capital. [Read More](#)

Source: Sangai Express December 1, 2010

Safety campaign for Northeast women in Delhi

The North East Support Centre & Helpline is campaigning for the safety of women of the North East living in Delhi. As part of the drive, a delegation of the NESCH met Home Ministry officials recently, including Joint Secretary M Gopal Reddy. The team submitted a list of demands to address cases of crimes committed against women from the North East in Delhi. [Read More](#)

Source: Morung Express December 12, 2010

The North East India on the Road to Peace

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Source: Morung Express December 14, 2010

Peace Coalition of NE India launched

The Peace Coalition of Northeast India (PCNI) has been launched with its headquarters at Dimapur and hosted by PRO RURAL, during the four days training on "Conflict Transformation", which just concluded on December 10 at the AIDA training centre, Don Bosco, Dimapur. The four days training on conflict transformation was facilitated by a team of trainers from the Plowshares Institute, Connecticut, USA. [Read More](#)

Source: Morung Express December 13, 2010

CM exhorts women to contribute their mite

Chief Minister Okram Ibobi has appealed to women activists of all communities to help the Government in solving the myriad issues and problems plaguing Manipur. He was speaking at the Nupi Lan anniversary function organised by the State Government at Nupi Lan complex. [Read More](#)

Source: Sangai Express December 12, 2010

Andro tense after AR pull up women

A very tense situation gripped Andro following arrest of two women including a maiden by Assam Rifles troops. Troops of 28 AR posted at Andro Loupaochung pulled up Yumkhaibam Ibemcha Devi (21) d/o late Khoijao and Chingakhom (O) Loitang Devi (50) w/o Palendro, both belonging to Andro Maringthel from a house of the neighbourhood at about 10.30 am today. Meanwhile, a late report informed that the arrested duo have been handed over to their respective family members in presence of local MLA Th Shyamkumar and Imphal East commandos. [Read More](#)

Source: Sangai Express December 18, 2010

Women vendors on strike mode

Even as seat allocation for New Market vendors of Khwairamband Keithel began today, women vendors of all the three market complexes have decided not to ply their trades until and unless necessary arrangements are made to provide ample space to them in the newly constructed market complexes. Seat allocation for New Market vendors was done in the presence of Imphal Municipal Council officials and City Police. [Read More](#)

Source: Sangai Express December 18, 2010

Peace implies freedom through repentance

The Joint Working Group of the three Naga political groups along with the Forum for Naga Reconciliation (FNR) held a meeting on December 14 wherein it deliberated on the agenda of coordination and the logistics for the highest level leaders meeting. Following the meeting, the JWEG issued a statement pointing out that the signatories of the Covenant of Reconciliation "along with the wish and endorsement of the Naga people wholeheartedly advocate the meeting of the highest level leaders at the earliest within the stipulated time frame". [Read More](#)

Source: Morung Express December 15, 2010

Girl child hatred syndrome continues to haunt mothers

"When I was seven months pregnant, my in-laws insisted on aborting the child with the threat that the child would be sold off if it is born. Only when the doctor told them that the mother would die if she is to be aborted at such an advance stage of pregnancy, I was allowed to give birth to my girl child," said 25-year old Gulapsaha, who has come to take refuge in a short stay home at Imphal. [Read More](#)

Source: Sangai Express December 27, 2010

Sharmila extends aid to violence victims

Nine selected women victims of violence including domestic violence who have succeeded in finding self-employment as entrepreneurs were given monetary aid by Irom Chanu Sharmila. The monetary aid was given from the cash component of the Rabintranath Tagore Peace Prize conferred to Irom Sharmila in September this year in recognition of her unparalleled crusade against the draconian Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act. [Read More](#)

Source: Sangai Express December 28, 2010

In the land of Nupi Lans : 11 women murdered, 10 raped in 2010

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