

## NORTH EAST INDIA WOMEN INITIATIVE FOR PEACE

### SEPTEMBER 2012 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 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 24 and 25 September 2012 Manipur Women Gun Survivors Network and Control Arms Foundation of India together with United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) successfully organised film screenings and exhibition on the topic "Weaving Disarmament: Arts, crafts and paintings by people from conflict areas" at UN Conference Hall, United Nations Information Centre, New Delhi. The event was organised to celebrate the 12 day campaign from International Day of Peace to International Day of Violence.

Please find here September 2012 issue newsletter, positive news of September 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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#### Indian Council of Historical Research urged to include histories of Northeast India

Source: Epao.net, 15 Sep 2012

Ms Binalakshmi Nepram, Founder of Manipur Women Gun Survivors Network had a meeting with Prof Basudev Chatterji, Chairman of Indian Council of Historical Research on 14 Sept 2012 in New Delhi to discuss issues regarding inclusion of varied histories of Northeast India in syllabus, text books of the country's schools, colleges and universities. [Read more:](#)

#### Decoding the North East

Source: Forbes India, 11 Sep 2012

For most of us, the North-East is unknown territory. Few can go beyond naming the states, talking about militancy, and recognising Baichung Butia and now, MC Mary Kom. We need more conversations about the region. Here are a few starters. [Read more:](#)

#### Peace prize for Sharmila

Source: NE Bloggers, 12 Sep 2012

A Delhi-based business school today conferred Rabindranath Tagore Peace Prize on rights crusader Irom Sharmila, now in judicial custody, in recognition of her courage in peaceful struggle for peace and justice. The award, carrying a gold medal, a citation and a sum of Rs 51 lakh, was handed over by a three-member delegation. [Read more:](#)

#### NE Peace, Cultural Festival; Niketu Iralu Gets Peace Award

Source: Northeast Today, 24 Sep 2012

Niketu Iralu has been awarded the Peace Award 2012 by Peace Channel at the valedictory function of North East Youth Peace & Cultural Festival 2012 at Holy Cross Higher Secondary School Hall in Dimapur on September 23. [Read more:](#)

#### Drama wins over history on bookshelf

Source: Zee News, 22 Sep 2012

"Boats on Land" is a unique way of looking at India's northeast and its people against a larger historical canvas - the early days of the British Raj, the World Wars, conversions to Christianity, and the missionaries. [Read more:](#)

#### Hospital blamed for 21-year-old's death

Source: Hindustan Times, 20 Sep 20

Family members of a 21-year-old student who died of severe lung infection that resulted in multiple organ failure have blamed doctors of Safdarjung Hospital for his death. Imphal resident Mutum Bony Jajo, 21, died at Fortis Hospital in Vasant Kunj on September 16. His family had shifted him there on September 14 evening after his condition. [Read more:](#)

#### Delhi hospital in dock after death of Manipur youth

Source: Seven Sisters Post, 19 Sep 2012

Delhi Police are investigating the death of a 21-year-old Manipuri student allegedly due to negligence by the doctors at Safdarjung Hospital. Mutum Bony Jajo, a student of Manipur University, was declared dead on September 16 at the Fortis Hospital in Vasant Kunj where he was shifted from Safdarjung Hospital. [Read more:](#)

#### NE women for AFSPA repeal

Source: NE Bloggers, 30 Sep 2012

Women leaders from the north-east of India today said the dehumanizing effect of Government of India's black law the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, is being seen yet again in Jammu & Kashmir. Under the AFSPA women and children of the north-east have been the worst sufferers and the Government of India is being alienated, the Indigenous Women Forum of North-East India (IWFNEI) said today. [Read more:](#)

#### Church leaders pledge to promote peace in state

Source: Hueiyen News Service, 19 Sep 2012

Church Leaders of Manipur under the aegis of All Manipur Christian Organisation (AMCO) in collaboration with Joint Peace Mission Team, Guwahati, conducted a day-long consultation on the theme of 'United efforts towards the future Challenges, Hurdles and Opportunities' at the Tribal Research Institute, Chingmeirong yesterday. [Read more:](#)

#### Assam's Bodo Areas Calm, Rehabilitation Starts

Source: The Northeast Today, 02 Sep 2012

With no fresh incidents reported from anywhere in Assam over the past few days, the state government has started the process for rehabilitation of the displaced people in the three violence-hit districts, officials said Sunday. Clashes between the Bodos and Bengali speaking Muslim settlers that broke out in Kokrajhar, Chirang and Dhubri districts. [Read more:](#)

#### NE Youth Peace Festival set to be held

Source: NE Bloggers, 17 Sep 2012

The North East Regional Youth Peace Festival 2010 organized by Peace Channel is all set to be held on the September 19 and 20 at the Holy Cross Auditorium Dimapur. The Annual Peace Festival is organized to mark the International Day of Peace and the Peace Channel Foundation day which falls on September 21. [Read more:](#)

#### London Olympics gives fresh impetus to sports in northeast

Source: NewstrackIndia, 24 Sep 2012

The London Olympics, the best ever for India, has done more good to country than medals. It has fostered a culture of sports in the northeast, as ten sportspersons from the region represented the country in the coveted event. The region is now not only known for insurgency and conflicts, but is considered a powerhouse for sports. [Read more:](#)

#### 'All north-eastern states should unite for development'

Source: The Times of India, 1 Sep 2012

Union minister of state for development of north eastern region (DoNER) Paban Singh Ghatowar said the North Eastern Region Vision-2020 document released by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in July, 2008, continues to be a template for promoting development in the North-East. [Read more:](#)

#### North East India team's Mt. Everest trip

Source: The Sangai Express, 20 Sep 2012

President of India Pranab Mukherjee will flag off the 1st North East India on top of the world (Mt. Everest) expedition from Rastrapati Bhavan, New Delhi on March 20, 2013 at 1200 Hours. Manipur Chief Minister O Ibobi Singh is the Chief Patron of the expedition. [Read more:](#)

#### Workshop on "Human Rights in the North East of India" at Jamia

Source: Beyond Headlines, 28 Sep 2012

In the wake of disturbing trends in terms of violence including terrorism across and within nation states & the recent conflagration in Assam and the countrywide repercussions, the need for a sensitized democratic society to play a positive role in facing the new challenges and channelizing creative human potential is vital. [Read more:](#)

#### Tourism Development: Ibobi calls for peace

Source: Hueiyen News Service, 27 Sep 2012

AS IN other part of the globe, World Tourism Day was also celebrated in Manipur under the theme 'Tourism and Sustainable Energy, Powering Sustainable Development' by Department of Tourism, Government of Manipur at Hotel Imphal here today. [Read more:](#)

#### Lamsang bustling with Development Photo Exhibition

Source: Epao.net, 25 Sep 2012

Continuing the campaign for mass awareness of various development projects initiated by the Government of India in the North East, a five-day Photo Exhibition on the theme 'Development Initiatives in North East' kick-off Tuesday at Lamsang Community Hall in Imphal West. [Read more:](#)

#### Northeast can be new tourist haven, says Assam minister

Source: IANS, 25 Sep 2012

India needs new tourist destinations and the northeast region has the potential to fulfil the role if its tourism infrastructure improves, Assam Tourism Minister Chandan Brahma said here Tuesday. Brahma told IANS at a workshop on "Making North East Tourism Ready" that the northeast has rich ethnic diversity, cultural heritage, wildlife and natural beauty and has potential to emerge as a favourite of tourists. [Read more:](#)

#### Northeast: A 'mini' India rich in natural resources, social capital

Source: The Times of India, 26 Sep 2012

The northeast, which is truly a 'mini' India, is rich not only in natural resources, but also in social capital. It is more so in the case of the various tribes, which live in the remote hilly areas of the region, social scientists point out. [Read more:](#)

#### 'Northeast can be national powerhouse'

Source: The Times of India, 23 Sep 2012

The northeast has all the attributes of a national powerhouse and reservoir that could transform the region, ameliorate poverty and generate national wealth. The rivers and biodiversity of the region offer tremendous potential, which can be converted into bountiful, renewable resources for sustainable development with careful planning. [Read more:](#)

#### Transformation Challenge to cope whole NE region

Source: Hueiyen News Service, 20 Sep 2012

After successfully organising the first edition of the Transformation Challenge and the second edition still underway, Apunba Fitness Centre (AFC) will be coping up the whole North East India in the third edition of the challenge next year. [Read more:](#)

#### Arunachalee Youth to Represent India in World Meet

Source: The North East Today, 19 Sep 2012

In a sheer delight to State's karatekas, Tam Tapak will represent India in the 21st World Senior Karate Championship scheduled to be held in Paris from November 21 to 25 next. The Arunachalee karateka will show his competitive skills in 67 Kg men's individual kumite event. [Read more:](#)

#### Agartala hopes to become Northeast India's first solar city

Source: CB Bureau, 13 Sep, 2012

The Tripura government has announced plans to make Agartala a 'solar city', replacing at least 10 per cent of regular power use with solar energy. Inaugurating a 50-kilowatt solar power plant at the Agartala Municipal Council head office, the state Urban Development Minister Manik Dey declared that 'Agartala city would be the first 'solar city' in northeast India within the next few years.' [Read more:](#)

#### Musical Concert for upholding Harmony and Promoting Unity amidst 'Troubled' Diversity

Source: Epao.net, 01 Sep 2012

Music knows no boundaries and can cut across class, caste, region and religion and unite against all odds. The sound of music echoes from all parts of India and has certainly been a unifying force for the country. The region outlined by the geo-political terminology of 'North East India' is especially known for its western and rock music which binds the. [Read more:](#)

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