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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.

Please find here Volume 8, August 2011 issue newsletter, positive news of August 2011 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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Women play vital role in ensuring sustainable development

Source: The Shillong Times, 17 Aug 2011

Kohima: Naga women have played vital roles in ensuring sustainable development by harnessing and managing rich biodiversity, yet they tend to be marginalized in decision making for management and preservation of the resources with which they are acquainted. [Read more:](#)

Child rights team in Imphal

Source: Nagaland Post, 16 Aug 2011

A team of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPDR) led by its chairperson Santha Sinha arrived Imphal on Tuesday to overlook the government action taken report with regard to violation of child rights. [Read more:](#)

No one will be allowed to upset peace: Mizoram Chief Minister

Source: The Nagaland Post, 16 Aug 2011

There was no scope for terrorism in Mizoram, Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla said Monday while stressing that no one would be allowed to upset the peace of the north-eastern state. [Read more:](#)

Free transport to women for delivery

Source: The Shillong Times, 17 Aug 2011

SHILLONG: The State Health and Family Welfare Department has signed an agreement with three state women taxi drivers on Tuesday to provide free transport to all pregnant women for delivery in government hospitals and also from home to referral hospital. [Read more:](#)

Team Anna to focus on NE

Source: The Sangai Express / Newmai News Network

Guwahati, 29 Aug 2011: After having led the 'peoples's victory' on the Jan Lokpal issue in the national capital, noted crusader Anna Hazare has put his focus now on the North East India region, thanks to Irom Sharmila of Manipur and RTI activist Akhil Gogoi of Assam. [Read more:](#)

Underaged girls stranded over legalities

Source: The Nagaland Post, 19 Aug 2011

Technical hitch after the erstwhile Social Welfare department was bifurcated, with the creation of the Women Development department, has come in the way of taking charge of ten underaged girls from Nagaland who were rescued in Chennai. Sources said Chennai Police refused to hand over the underaged girls to a police team which went to bring them home as the Trafficking Act stipulated that they can be handed over only to the social welfare department along with parents and guardians. [Read more:](#)

Prices of food commodities escalates in Manipur

Source: Nagaland Post, 10 Aug 2011

The prices of food commodity except rice and other essential commodities have increased sharply in the markets across the state as a result of the Sadar Hills Districthood Demand Committee (SHDDC) sponsored economic blockade, which began from August 1. [Read more:](#)

Anti corruption: NEW-Tripura launches signature campaign

Source: Tripurainfo, 16 Aug 2011

Agartala, 16 Aug 2011 : National Election Watch (NEW), Tripura chapter a common platform on electoral reforms, improving democracy and governance has opposed provisions of exclusion of the prime minister, chief justice of India and judges of the higher judiciary from draft of Lokpal Bill. [Read more:](#)

Human chain to be formed from Palle to Moreh

Source: Hueiyen News Service, 11 Aug 2011

Imphal, August 11 2011: Keishamthong Humanitarian Development Committee in association with intending candidate of Trinamool Congress in Keishamthong a/c, RK Sivachandra will launch an indefinite sit-in protest in this constituency in protest against the ongoing blockade on the National Highways of the state. [Read more:](#)

Foolproof security on NHs from Aug 16, decrees Cabinet SHDDC members proceed to Delhi

Source: The Sangai Express, 11 Aug 2011

Imphal, August 11 2011: Even as the State Cabinet today has once again reviewed the situation prevailing along the National Highways following imposition of indefinite economic blockade and general strike over the demand for upgrading Sadar hills to a full-fledged district, representatives of the Sadar Hills Districthood Demand Committee left for Delhi today to seek an appointment with the Prime Minister. [Read more:](#)

No free passage for Life Saving Drugs(LSD) for time being: SHDDC 40 Women begin fast unto death

Source: Hueiyen News Service, 16 Aug 2011

Imphal, August 16 2011: Demanding full-fledged Sadar Hills district, large number of Kuki women on the 65th Independence Day of the country staged mass protest at Kangpokpi wearing black dresses. [Read more:](#)

Public outcry against killing

Source: Morung Express, 10 Aug 2011

Dimapur, August 10 (MEXN): Eastern Nagaland Peoples' Union of Dimapur (ENPUD) today carried out a massive rally on Wednesday, August 10, demanding that the authorities speedy up efforts to nab the gunman responsible for the killing of one Seopi Sangtam alias Chemtingse Sangtam, a young man in his thirties, recently in Dimapur. [Read more:](#)

Sadar Hills stir set for fresh impetus after Aug 15, meet with CM aborted ADC members to give in resignation papers

Source: The Sangai Express, 10 Aug 2011

Imphal, August 10 2011: The talk between the representatives of Sadar Hills Districthood Demand Committee (SHDDC) and the Chief Minister which was scheduled today could not take place as there was a delay on the part of the Chief Minister's Office in communicating the matter. [Read more:](#)

Exploring Northeast's rich heritage through fashion

Source: Sentinel , 8 Aug 2011

New Delhi, Aug 8: Yana Ngoba and Raj Singh, husband-wife designer duo from the northeast, have showcased the rich tribal heritage of Arunachal Pradesh through a fashion show in the capital. "Our tribal attire is rich in terms of weaves, colours, designs and patterns. [Read more:](#)

Sahitya Akademi to honour four northeastern writers

Source : Shillong Times ,5 Aug 2011

Agartala: Four renowned writers of northeastern India will be awarded the Sahitya Akademi translation prize 2010 for their outstanding literary works, an official said here in Tripura capital Thursday. [Read more:](#)

Arms proliferation in Assam a concern for Army

Source : Shillong Times ,6 Aug 2011

GUWAHATI: The insurgency may be on the wane in Assam, but the proliferation of foreign-made illegal weapons in the state has remained a cause for concern, say senior officials of Red Horn Division of Indian Army engaged in counter-insurgency (CI) operations in Assam. [Read more:](#)

Govt offices, vehicles torched as Imphal blockade enters Day 5

Source : Shillong Times ,6 Aug 2011

IMPHAL: Five government offices were burnt down by the bandh supporters on Friday at Sadar hills area in Senapati district. Police said four government offices were also burnt on Thursday. Two trucks were burnt by bandh supporters on the two national highways today on the fifth day of the bandh called to demand full revenue district status for Sardar Hills. [Read more:](#)

Three dead as economic blockade turns ugly on NH 39

Source: Morung Express, 2 Aug 2011

Imphal | August 2 : Three "blockade supporters" were rammed over on Tuesday by an oil tanker at Kanglotambi on the second day of the week long economic blockade imposed by Sadar Hills Districthood Demand Committee (SHDDC) on the two National Highways of Manipur demanding for the declaration of Sadar Hills sub-division into a full fledged district. [Read more:](#)

Manipur paralyzed for 12 hrs; effigies of Ibobi, Chidambaram, Muivah burnt

Source: Morung Express, 3 Aug 2011

Imphal | August 3 : A 12-hour shut down across Manipur called by All Manipur Students' Union (AMSU) against the terror blast on Monday at Sangakpham in Imphal completely paralyzed normal life in the state. The day passed off peacefully barring incidents of small private vehicles being damaged by strike supporters in Imphal area. [Read more:](#)

Sadar Hill talks fail to break impasse in Manipur

Source: Morung Express, 4 Aug 2011

Imphal | August 4 : Talks between the state government of Manipur and representatives of the agitating Sardar Hills District Demand Committee (SHDDC) today failed to bring any solution to the ongoing impasse. However, there is a development in the talk as the Sadar Hills District Demand Committee (SHDDC) will convene a public meeting on Friday at Kangpokpi regarding the conditions put up by the state government in today's meeting before the SHDDC leaders. [Read more:](#)

Rising trafficking worries Naga cops

Source: Morung Express ,6 Aug 2011

DIMAPUR, August 6 (TNN): The rising social menaces of human trafficking and child labour were thoroughly discussed and deliberated upon on Thursday at a state-level anti-human trafficking seminar-cum-workshop, organized by police. [Read more:](#)

Sangakpham blast condemnations reach Delhi

Source: The Sangai Express / Ninglun Hanghal, 8 Aug 2011

New Delhi, August 08 2011: Taking the outcry against the Sangakpham bomb blast on August 8 to the capital, the Manipur Students' Association, Delhi (MSAD) organised a sit in demonstration at Delhi today afternoon. Representatives of the International Manipuri Organisers' Association (IMMA) who have been camping in Delhi since the month of June to demand the repeal of AFSPA also took part in the sit in demonstration. [Read more:](#)

UP tops 'fake' encounters list, Manipur second

Source: Times of India, 7 Aug 2011

Uttar Pradesh has earned the dubious distinction of witnessing the highest number of fake encounters with nearly 120 people being allegedly killed by police in such incidents in past three years. After Uttar Pradesh, Manipur recorded the second highest number of fake encounter cases during the three-year period -- 16 in 2008-09, 32 in 2009-10, 12 in 2010-11 and one in first half of 2011. [Read more:](#)

Binalakshmi Nepram conferred with CNN-IBN Real Heroes Award

Source: Kanglaonline, 21 Aug 2011

Mumbai, Aug 21: CNN-IBN and Reliance Industries gave away the Real Heroes Awards for the year 2011 at a ceremony held in Mumbai on August 17, 2011. Overall 24 women and men from all over India were given the award in recognition of their extraordinary service in their different fields of work. [Read more:](#)

Peace Clubs participate in Cleanliness Drive

Source: Morung Express, 3 Aug 2011

Dimapur, August 3 (MEXN): The Peace Channel members of different schools in Mokokchung participated at the mass social work organized by Mokokchung Municipal Council on Saturday where 78 Peace Club members from Nivukhu School, Queen Mary Hr. Sec. School, Edith Douglas Hr. Sec. School and Govt. Middle School came forward in the cleanliness programme. [Read more:](#)

Initiative for skill training in North East States

Source : Nagaland Post 24 Aug 2011

A meeting was held to consult and discuss the skill training initiative programme developed by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs (MOIA) with all eight States of North East region in Guwahati. [Read more:](#)

Civil society fails to take note of Irom Sharmila

Source: Asian Age, 18 Aug 2011

When civil society groups are rallying behind Anna Hazare for an effective Jan Lokpal aimed at to check the abuse of power, the civil societies of northeastern states are wondering as to why their struggle and fasting of 11 years by Irom Chanu Sharmila in Manipur, for a similar cause, has not been able to draw the attention of the government as well as the civil society of India. [Read more:](#)

All ears for Hazare, deaf to Irom Sharmila's crusade

Source: The Telegraph, 18 Aug 2011

Manipur's lone human rights crusader Irom Sharmila is being compared to Anna Hazare, champion of the anti-corruption movement, but rights activists in Manipur expressed "anguish" over the different responses given to the two iconic campaigners. [Read more:](#)

Bollywood actors, civil society groups and individuals extended support to Irom Sharmila - Just Peace foundation - New Delhi, Ramlilla Ground
Source: Epao.net, 28 Aug 2011

Bollywood Actor Amir Khan says "Armed Forces Special Powers Act 1958 should be repealed. I Support Irom Sharmila! I don't think there is any provision in the Indian constitution to deny meeting with people in custody." [Read more:](#)

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