

NORTH EAST INDIA WOMEN INITIATIVE FOR PEACE**Newsletter****Volume 1 No 9 Issue September 2011**

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.

On 24th September 2011, Northeast India Women Initiative for Peace - an initiative of Manipur Women Gun Survivors Network - Community Consultation for Livelihood and Legal Redressal of Women Survivors of Armed Violence at Classic Hotel, Imphal, Manipur. On 27th September 2011 Manipur Women Gun Survivors Network Control Arms Foundation of India Borok People's Human Right Organisation and All Twipra Indigenous & Minority Association organised Fifth Consultative Conclave of Women from Northeast India "Women Negotiating Peace: Effort to get North-East Women from their villages to the Negotiating Table" at Chandra Mahal, Opposite Ujjayanta Palace, Agartala, Tripura.

Please find here Volume 9, September 2011 issue newsletter, positive news of the September 2011 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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Women Negotiating Peace : Effort to get North-East Women from their villages to the Negotiating Table

Source: Tripasa.com, 26 Sep 2011

Agartala, 26th September 2011: Civil society organisations, women activists, youth and violence survivors from the Northeast, scholars, and members of several think tanks and policy makers are coming together for the Fifth Consultative Conclave of Northeast India Women Initiative for Peace during a one day Conclave of Northeast India Women Initiative for Peace on the topic "Women Negotiating Peace : Effort to get North-East Women from their villages to the Negotiating Table" on 27th September 2011, Chandra Mahal, Opposite Ujjayanta Palace, Agartala, Tripura-799001. [Read more:](#)

Peace rally

Source: The Sangai Express, 24 Sep 2011

Imphal, September 24 2011: Taking serious note of the hardships being endured by the people because of the prolonged blockades being imposed on National Highways, Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI), Manipur State would organise a peace rally on September 27 demanding resolution of the protracted issue at the earliest. [Read more:](#)

'Work for strengthening political forces for peace'

Source: The Morung Express, 6 Sep 2011

Kohima | September 6 : The Nagaland Peace Centre (NPC) appealed to everyone to work for strengthening political forces for peace and pray for final political settlement of Naga political issue. "Peace is understood not just in military terms but a phenomenon encompassing economic development, social- political justice, democratization and respect for human rights," NPC chairman N. They said in his address at the thanksgiving service in commemoration with the Peace Day held today at NPC office. [Read more:](#)

Consultation for livelihood and legal redressal of women survivors held Conflict Widows Forum needs to be established: Yambem Laba

Source: Hueiyen News Service, 24 Sep 2011

Imphal, September 24 2011: "From village to negotiating table", a community consultation for livelihood and legal redressal of women survivors of armed violence was held at the conference hall of the Classic Hotel today. The function which was organized by the North East India Women Initiative for Peace, an initiative of the Manipur Women Gun Survivors Network and CAFI was attended by Yambem Laba, former Member, Manipur Human Rights Commission, Binalakshmi Nepram, founder, Manipur Women Gun Survivors Network as the Guest of Honours. [Read more:](#)

Implement women reservation immediately: Watsu Mungdung

Source: The Morung Express, 5 Sep 2011

DIMAPUR, SEPTEMBER 5 (MEXN): The Watsu Mungdung (Apex Ao women organization) has extended its full support to the demand of the Action Committee of All Naga Women Organizations i.e. N.M.A. Watsu Mungdung, Naga Women Hoho, Dimapur and E.N.W.O to immediately implement the women Reservation Bill as submitted to the Government of Nagaland on 1st June 1, 2011, due to the failure of which a case has been instituted in the Gauhati High Court, Kohima. This was stated in a press note issued by Dr Imlirena Walling, President and Moala Imsong General Secretary respectively of the Watsu Mungdung. [Read more:](#)

Mothers and babies to be alerted by SMS

Source: Tripurainfo, 14 Sep 2011

Agartala, Sep 14, 2011 : An innovative project to make the mothers aware of health and hygiene via SMS from health department was launched in Kumarghat on Tuesday. Under the new project under the National Rural Health Mission mothers will now receive health reminders on their mobile phones for regular checkups. [Read more:](#)

'Repeal AFSPA' resonates across the country

Source: Hueiyen News Service, 11 Sep 2011

Imphal, September 11 2011: Protesting the day the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 was imposed, a silent march and sit in protest was organized by the Just Peace Foundation and Sharmila Kanba Lup today. Sharmila Kanba Lup under the initiative of the Just Peace Foundation organized the silent protest rally starting from JN Hospital to the Iboyaima Shumang Leela Shanglen. The rallyists displayed banners and placard which read 'Repeal AFSPA'. [Read more:](#)

I am trying to revisit AFSPA : P Chidambaram

Source: The Sangai Express / Press Trust of India, 1 Sep 2011

New Delhi, September 01 2011: A fresh attempt is being made to build consensus within the Government to amend the controversial Armed Forces Special (Powers) Act (AFSPA), Home Minister P Chidambaram indicated today. "I am trying to revisit AFSPA but as you know one needs to build a consensus within the Government before amendments can be brought before Parliament," Chidambaram said [Read more:](#)

AFSPA extended in Tripura

Source: Tripurainfo, 9 Sep 2011

Agartala, Sep 09, 2011 : The Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA), a stringent law that gives powers to security forces deployed in disturbed areas to fight against terrorism has been extended in Tripura for next six months. [Read more:](#)

Posters in Delhi depicts Irom Sharmila as dangerous

Source: Hueiyen News Service / Laishram Anilkumar, 25 Sep 2011

New Delhi, September 25 2011: While people of Manipur and the whole North East is calling for the repeal of AFSPA and showing solidarity to Irom Chanu Sharmila who has been fasting for the past 11 years demanding the repeal of AFSPA, numbers of posters of Sharmila depicting person dangerous to the nation have appeared in South Delhi. [Read more:](#)

Health camp

Source: The Sangai Express, 19 Sep 2011

Imphal, September 19 2011: The Rotary Club of Polo City Imphal together with Fortis Hospital, New Delhi organised a free medical check-up at City Hospital and Research Centre, Chingmeirong on September 17 for people suffering from chronic renal failure and post kidney transplant patients. [Read more:](#)

Foreign tourists coming to State

Source: The Sangai Express, 11 Sep 2011

Imphal, September 11 2011: Following temporary lifting of the Protected Area Permit (PAP) system from Manipur, there has been steady increase in the number of foreign tourists visiting the State, stated Tourism Commissioner KK Chhetry. KK Chhetry was talking about the Promising New Destination Award conferred to Manipur at the Tours and Travel Fair held at Mumbai and other similar award won at PATA Travel Mart, New Delhi recently. [Read more:](#)

Decision on Sadar Hills stir soon

Source: The Sangai Express, 1 Sep 2011

Imphal, September 01 2011: A decision on the ongoing agitation for granting district status to Sadar Hills would be adopted after a consultation between SHDDC leaders and Sadar Hills people within the next three days. Addressing a joint press meet of SHDDC and UCM at Kangpokpi today, SHDDC president Ngamkhohao Haokip appreciated the UCM's initiative to come all the way to Kangpokpi to discuss the Sadar Hills issue. [Read more:](#)

Best display award

Source: The Sangai Express, 12 Sep 2011

Imphal, September 12 2011: Horticulture Mission in North East and Himalayan State (HMNEH) Manipur won the best excellence display award at Agritech India 2011 held from Sep 9 to 11 at Gaytri Vihar, Bangalore. Mission Director Kh Ratankumar received the award, said a press release. [Read more:](#)

Minister announces new train for NE

Source: The Sangai Express / Newmai News Network 12 Sep 2011

Dimapur, September 12 2011: Union Railway Minister Dinesh Trivedi has announced the introduction of a new express train, the Nagaland Express, connecting Dimapur with Guwahati, which will cover the distance between Dimapur and Guwahati in four hours. Trivedi, who was on his maiden visit to Nagaland since September 11, said the Nagaland Express would start running from November 15 and it would leave Dimapur at 6 am [Read more:](#)

Rice donated

Source: The Sangai Express, 13 Sep 2011

Imphal, September 13 2011: Meira Paibis of Nagamapal Brahmapur Laimayum Leikai reportedly donated 4 bags of rice and 1 bag of sugar to Punya Shelter Home for Girls at Thangmeiband Yumnam Leikai, Imphal. The donated rice and sugar have been reportedly seized during a drive on the night of September 12 . The food items being taken to Kangpokpi when the seizure was made.

Woman shot at Mayang Imphal

Source: Hueiyen News Service, 16 Sep 2011

Imphal, September 16 2011: A woman, Yumnam Radhe Devi (56) wife of Y Yasho, was shot in the leg by some miscreants at about 12.30 am last night at Mayang Imphal Ani Longbi. Reports said that two armed persons came and asked for her son Open who was not home at the time. [Read more:](#)

8 lads brought home from Kerala

Source: The Sangai Express, 16 Sep 2011

Imphal, September 16 2011: Eight boys from the State who were taken to Kerala on false promises have been brought back to Manipur by Child Welfare Committee (CWC) Imphal East. After convincing their parents with the false promise of giving free religious education as well as accommodation facilities, two Muslim men took the eight boys to Kerala in February this year. [Read more:](#)

AMSU's agitation finds support from women of Ima Keithel

Source: Hueiyen News Service, 20 Sep 2011

Imphal, September 20 2011: The agitation launched by the AMSU to counter the rise in prices of all essential commodities as sold by the shopkeepers in and around Imphal city was further strengthened with the support of the women of Ima Keithel today. [Read more:](#)

Blockade Since Aug 1

Source: The Sangai Express, 22 Sep 2011

Imphal, September 22 2011: SHDDC's Economic Blockade has touched the 53 days mark, as on September 21 . Counter blockade by the United Naga Council started from August 21 which makes it 32 days old. Number of people killed in blockade related incidents stands at four.

Subir Bhoumik to receive 'Siva Prasad Barooah Award', 27 Sep 2011

Source: Tripurainfo, 27 Sep 2011

Agartala, Sep 27, 2011 : Eminent journalist and author Subir Bhaumik has been nominated for this year's prestigious 'Siva Prasad Barooah Award'. He has been the first non-Assamese journalist to have been accorded with the coveted award. [Read more:](#)

Rural population declines but increases literacy

Source: Tripurainfo, 13 Sep 2011

Agartala, Sep 13, 2011 : Tripura's current population stands at 36, 71,032, having registered a growth of 9.12 percent in urban population in 2011 compared with the preceding 2001 when the urban population stood at 17.06 percent. [Read more:](#)

Good news for Tripura: Ashuganj & rails on right track

Source: Tripurainfo, 8 Sep 2011

Agartala, Sep 08, 2011 : Even as a pall of gloom and disappointment descended in Tripura in particular and North East region in general for failing to arrive at transit facilities, a joint communiqué issued on Wednesday afternoon by both Indian and Bangladeshi premiers Manmohan Singh and Sheikh Hasina came a silver lining. [Read more:](#)

Reconciliation needed to restore dignity of Nagas

Source: The Morungexpress, 4 Sep 2011

Dimapur, September 4 (MEXN): The Forum for Naga Reconciliation has strongly reminded of the truth that reconciliation is necessary to heal and restore the dignity of the Naga people, and has urged all sections of the people to join in the endeavour. The FNR working for reconciliation of the Naga, "political" groups issued a statement reminding of the journey that started in 2008 and the progress so far, as well as the challenges ahead. Presently there is no other option but for Nagas to reconcile with each other, the forum reminded. [Read more:](#)

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