Reflections 2013-2014

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A note

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

North East Network is going through a period of consolidation, with it coming into its 20th year by 2015! Indeed the experience of having worked at the local to the UN level needs to come full circle when our team or an individual NEN member attends the CEDAW review in Geneva, in July 2014. It is also heartening to note that the governments, in all three states, have started ‘holding hands’, one way or the other with NEN and we think it is perhaps a result of our concerns compounded by our advocacy efforts to highlight certain issues that need attention, particularly in regard to women. I think the work, done by NEN on women’s safety in cities, tracking budget or analyzing resource allocations meant for women, or working with the police and also drawing the attention of the state about women farmers and workers have come with honest efforts and incredibly transparent process of substantive field surveys. It is to the NEN team, the interns and resource persons that one must thank for the progress of work in the past year though there were many obstacles in the path that we treaded on. I hope we can carry on with the same fervour and march on with our goal of bringing about gender justice to our society.

Dr. Monisha Behal
In the 19 years since its establishment, NEN has evolved as a women’s rights organisation raising issues related to women’s human rights - particularly within the developmental and political context of the North East Region (NER) of India. NEN’s evolution through the years has led to focusing on multiple areas to empower women such as health, livelihoods, violence against women (VAW) in conflict situations, and in the domestic sphere. NEN’s three offices, in the states of Meghalaya, Nagaland and Assam have very distinctive issues which they tackle. However, collectively their work has been able to change the developmental discourse to a rights based perspective and demanded women’s inclusion in all political and other decision making levels. Over the years, NEN believes that the fulfillment of women’s human rights is only possible with sensitive state obligations towards ending gender based discrimination and disparities.

NEN’s advocacy has been aimed at enhancing the understanding of women’s rights issues of the NER through national level policy advocacy. Over the years, NEN has engaged with the 9th, 10th 11th and 12th Five Year Plan processes through regional consultations, which had a special focus on making women’s voices from the NER heard in the planning processes. As a women’s organisation established in the mid-nineties, the Beijing Platform for action and its focus areas have been central to NEN’s core activities. Similarly, principles of equality, non-discrimination and state-obligation enshrined in the CEDAW Convention have shaped it. Our work in the year 2013-14, has been an attempt to take forward our principles as core values towards all programmes and strategies.
our initiatives
2013-2014
A. VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

VAW has been a core area of work for NEN, especially in terms of facilitating the process of promoting state obligations and enhancing women’s human rights. By focusing on the underpinnings of violence both at homes and in public spaces, NEN has tried to bring stakeholders together towards sensitizing them, creating an understanding of the primary issues faced by women in order to create safer spaces in both public and private spheres.

Domestic Violence has been a primary focus for NEN with an objective to sensitise stakeholders and monitor the implementation of the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 (PWDVA). NEN Meghalaya conducted a sensitization and training programme on the Act. This was organized for Judicial Magistrates and Protection Officers (POs) in the state. 19 women and 12 men were sensitised including two District and Sessions Judge (one from the Fast Track Court). The active participation of members from the judiciary with the POs focused on the practicality of: (1) why the PWDVA was not effective and (2) consequently formulated recommendations on how best to work together to better implement the PWDVA. As a result of this training programme, a Legal Aid Counsel from Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority who had attended the training approached NEN with a domestic violence case for support and referral. A good network with the Judiciary and the Social Welfare Officers has developed for future collaborations in mitigating VAW.
NEN Assam has been focusing on documenting the impact of legal aid services for domestic violence. In 2013, NEN partnered with the Aman network as part of the national monitoring network towards gender sensitive implementation of the PWDVA. This national network handles domestic violence cases in India and abroad. Eight members (including NEN) documented the impact of District Legal Aid Services Authority (DLSA) among the stakeholders. NEN conducted the initial study in Kamrup and Sonitpur districts of Assam. Interviews were conducted with stakeholders such as NGOs availing its services, DLSA empanelled lawyers and woman applicants; the findings will be published soon.

Furthermore, NEN Assam is advocating with POs and government on the proper implementation of the DV Act. An orientation workshop titled ‘Understanding Domestic Violence Act from a woman’s human rights perspectives’ was held in collaboration with the Social Welfare Department, Government of Assam for the 21 POs. This department is the nodal agency to implement the DV Act. Along with the POs, NEN identified the gaps in the implementation of the DV Act in Assam. Key findings that emerged were that the nodal agency needed to announce some notifications on shelter homes and medical facilities to further effectively implement the DV Act, apart from revising the list of service providers and developing a state action plan. NEN has drafted a blueprint for the government in this regard which will be submitted to the Social Welfare Department.

Apart from the PWDVA, an ongoing process has been in promoting the Safe City Campaign for creating safe spaces and inclusive cities for women. NEN conducted a survey amongst 1045 women in Guwahati city with over 50 volunteers from different educational institutions to understand women’s experiences on sexual harassment/violence in public places in 2012-13. A poster was also published in English citing one of our findings and promoting safe public places for all. ‘Towards a Safer City for Women’ report was published based on the findings of this research. This report has now moved to the next level to assess city infrastructure which makes women feel unsafe. NEN has also planned to conduct safety audits and Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) to get deeper insights of VAW from urban planning and governance.
perspectives. NEN has partnered with CEPT University, Ahmedabad to understand various dimensions of women’s safety in relation to accessing and using transport. The positive response from media and public on this report has enabled us to understand that engaging young women and men in surveys is a very good exercise to create public opinion to end VAW. Dissemination of our Safe City survey by the media influenced discussions on crimes against women during the State Legislative Assembly proceedings in 2013.

NEN collaborated with a local cinema in April for screening of ‘Lessons In Forgetting,’ a film based on sex selective abortion. A panel discussion based on the film and the issue of women’s rights was organised by a local television channel; Anurita from NEN and the lead actor of the film, Adil Shah, participated.

NEN’s research on witch hunting with Partners for Law in Development (PLD) and Assam Mahila Samata Society has continued to be raised across various platforms. Taking forward the urgency of the situation in Assam, posters on witch hunting were printed in Assamese and English reminding the state of its obligations within the CEDAW framework and distributed widely.

Continuing the dissemination process, NEN in association with a local organisation, CADAT, marked International Women’s Day (IWD) 2014 in a tribal block affected by conflict and witch hunting in Sonitpur district, Assam. To this end, a street play was enacted during the meeting which was attended by more than 100 community members and government officials.
B. WOMEN, PEACE AND CONFLICT

NEN documented lives of women associated with one of the major armed outfits of Assam named ULFA which is currently under animated suspension and engaged in peace negotiations with the Government. In this study, NEN interviewed women combatants and spouses of male combatants to understand the inequalities and discrimination faced by them during the mainstreaming processes. We also made visits to three designated camps set up for combatants and their families as a part of the rehabilitation programme of the government.

NEN has used the CEDAW and its reporting mechanism to highlight many issues that are of concern to the women of the NER during the periods India reported to the Committee in 2000 and 2007. It will once again address core concerns of women from the NER in 2014 when the Government of India (GoI) reports to the CEDAW Committee in July 2014.

In the meantime, NEN gave a written submission on issues of gender based VAW & children, and peace & conflict in NE India to International Women’s Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific (IWRAW-AP) and the National Alliance of Women’s Organisations (NAWO) for the CEDAW Alternative Report 2014. Questions which NEN would like to put forward to the GoI were also submitted to IWRAW-AP and NAWO and the national report has been accepted by OHCHR. Additionally, NEN submitted a note on ‘Multiple vulnerabilities of women to violence in the conflict affected areas of Assam’ to the UN Special Rapporteur on VAW, Ms. Rashida Manjoo, on her country visit to India in 2013.
C. GENDER AND GOVERNANCE

NEN tries to influence the policy process by developing women’s capacities to strengthen decision-making processes and demanding fulfillment of their rights. This includes ensuring state accountability towards the commitments that have been made.

NEN Nagaland initiated a programme on inculcating feminist perspectives, and strengthening leadership capacities among 158 women from five districts of Nagaland in 2013-14. Diverse topics such as rights, VAW and laws, feminist perspectives on customary laws, development policies and laws, and leadership were addressed through participatory workshops and activity based training programmes.

Following the persistent efforts of NEN Nagaland for over eight years, a historic resolution on ‘equal wages for men and women for manual unskilled labour’ was passed during the Chizami Village Council Day in January 4, 2014.

As part of NEN’s work in building a gender sensitive institutional response among the police force, NEN conducted several gender sensitisation trainings for police personnel. ‘An Introductory course on Gender and Violence Against Women’ was organised for senior police officials (11 participants) of Meghalaya State Police in December 2013. The training was designed to sensitise the police force on issues of VAW and to familiarize the participants on the newly amended laws on The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012; and the Criminal Law (Amendment Act), 2013.

Following this, another two day ‘Training of Trainers (TOT) Workshop’ was organized for the North East Police Academy (NEPA) faculty members (seven participants). Covering issues of gender and VAW; communication skills
in police work, public perceptions and police behaviour. This workshop paved the way for a more extensive TOT for the faculty members of NEPA within this year itself.

Two significant achievements following this process have been (1) a revised version of the existing training and resource manual for police personnel on ‘Gender Sensitization and VAW’ and (2) an interest shown by the State in setting up a help-line 1091 in Meghalaya. This number will be directly linked to Iohlynti Support Centre, which has been operational since 2011. Furthermore, a gendered vision was promoted among Dorbars in Meghalaya by setting up a new sub-committee on VAW in Nongrah, in 2013, apart from the three existing sub-committees.

Developing the capacities of NGOs is also important, particularly in light of the new laws which have been formulated by the GoI. Thus a workshop titled ‘Working with the New Laws for Change’ was organised by NEN Assam during the International Campaign to Stop Violence against Women and Girls in Guwahati. Attended by 28 women and 10 men from different organisations and legal aid cells from Assam, the aim was to familiarise the participants with the new laws passed by the GoI on Sexual Harassment of Women at the Workplace, Criminal Law Amendment Act and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences.

Working for many years on the Right to Information (RTI) Act, NEN and the People’s Rights Forum observed a campaign hosted by the Times of India in October 2013 focusing on using the RTI Act for good governance. NEN assisted citizens in filing RTI applications on various issues.

NEN Assam, also partnered with three local women’s groups to build perspective on the issue of domestic violence and practical application of their skills (knowledge and leadership) in their community.

**TRAININGS ATTENDED BY NEN**

- Wekoweu and Sheetal attended a four-day training on Outcome and Impact Orientation (OIO) organised by Karl Kubel Stiftung in April 2013. The training enabled them to acquire knowledge and skills to develop outcome and impact-oriented monitoring system with indicators.


- NEN staff members were oriented by a consultant, Anke Schuermann, on outcome oriented data management and report writing. She assisted in aligning monitoring and evaluation in NEN.

- Anurita and Wekoweu attended a four-day training on ‘New laws relating to sexual offence’ organised by PLD Delhi in August 2013.

- Seno attended the month-long ‘18th South Asian Feminist Capacity Building Course on Gender, Sustainable Livelihoods, Human Rights and Peace’ organised by SANGAT at Savar, Bangladesh in November-December 2013.
A capacity building programme on ‘Grassroots Women’s Leadership’ was conducted for 30 women leaders training them on gender, VAW, domestic violence and leadership skills. This training assisted in identifying eight leaders, who were selected and further oriented in conducting a district level pilot study to understand trends and patterns of DV cases in 40 gram panchayats in eight districts of Assam. These grassroots leaders, equipped with feminist perspectives and skills, interviewed women on Domestic Violence (DV) in rural homes and also interacted with government representatives to find out about state responses at the micro level to mitigate DV (study ongoing). Furthermore, they provided information to DV survivors who needed assistance.

In order to increase accountability and transparency in the processes of the state, especially in terms of implementation of centrally sponsored schemes, NEN in collaboration with CBGA conducted a study on tracking budgets at the district level for the Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan scheme. This study covered Kamrup (rural) district and Rani Development block and two Gaon Panchayats under the block. It covered all the agencies entrusted to implement the scheme and the fund flow mechanism. The study highlighted how the selection criteria for implementing agencies was not established and dissemination of information at the beneficiary level on schemes was missing. Guidelines which were regularly issued were not being followed and monitoring mechanisms both for implementation of guidelines and the scheme were missing. The study revealed multiple leakages in terms of quality of work, improper utilisation of funds, lack of deliverables (toilet units) based on the lists submitted by the NGOs, delay in submission of utilisation certificates and a quarterly progress report and IEC activities not being implemented.
NEN also studied the resource allocations made under Gender-Responsive Budgeting in the state of Assam, along with understanding the priorities of agencies like Ministry of Development of North East Region (MDoNER) and North Eastern Council (NEC). This research in collaboration with UN Women tried to look into the allocations made by the state of Assam, under the different sectors (reporting under GRB statements) and the priorities of the state in terms of the budget allocations made. The study tried to directly engage with stakeholders to understand how the fund flow mechanisms especially in agencies like MDoNER and NEC happen. To get a clearer understanding of these processes, a field study was organised in Dibrugarh district to study the implementation of the Janani Suraksha Yojana scheme. This study tried to collate information at all levels including officials from the centre in New Delhi, from the state department in Assam and District and Block level officials from Dibrugarh District. The study also interviewed health practitioners from the district, including the ANMs, ASHA workers and doctors. Several leakages were observed, such as the lack of proper monitoring mechanisms for implementation of scheme, unclear operational guidelines, along with low percentages of allocations in all sectors in the different institutions.
D. WOMEN AND LIVELIHOODS

Women in most rural areas of the NER are primarily engaged in agriculture and allied activities, textile weaving, craftwork, and street vending in the sphere of the unorganized sector. However, economic risks, constant indebtedness, lack of adequate social security measures and inaccessibility to financial services have crippled this sector. It is within this context, that NEN in Nagaland is making an effort to mobilize, organize and build the capacity of women workers so that they can collectively address their problems.

NEN started working with women belonging to two trade groups (vendors and weaver-farmers), in three districts of Nagaland (Phek, Kohima and Dimapur). A study on ‘Local markets and street vending with special focus on women vendor in Nagaland‘ was conducted by NEN with Exotic Echo Society. Under the aegis of the Self Employed Women Association (SEWA), NEN was able to mobilize 800 women workers in 2013 -2014, who also took membership with SEWA. NEN also facilitated several meetings and input sessions for the women workers. The process is ongoing and has the potential of enlightening women towards demanding certain rights for their well-being.

NEN’s livelihood project ‘Chizami Weaves’ focuses on textile weaving using a traditional loom called the loin/waist/back-strap loom. In order to cater to different clientele and sustain livelihoods, weavers have engaged in constant improvisation and diversification of products. Women weavers working under this project also get an opportunity to build perspectives on issues of women’s rights, health and natural resource management. The weavers also gain inputs on sharpening different skills ranging from product and design development to sales and communication. NEN team members have been constantly networking and sharing their Chizami weaves experiences in various forums nationally, including the National Symposium on North East Textiles organised by NID and Indira Gandhi Arts Centre in Delhi, India Foundation for Arts in Bengaluru.
In 2013-14, products developed by 313 women from eight village/town locations from 'Chizami Weaves' were displayed and sold at ten events/exhibitions: namely the Hornbill Festival Kisama, Seven Sisters North East Textile Expo Kolkata, ICC Wollen Expo Shillong, Sustainable Mountain Development Summit Kohima, Mitun Festival Porba, Mi-Ra-Mew Food and Bio-diversity Festival Mawphlang, Meghalaya, Weaves of India Dilli Haat, American Women Association Exhibition in US Embassy Delhi, Textile Fair Crafts Museum Delhi, IAWS National Conference exhibition in Gauhati University. These products are also sold in various stores like the Chizami Weaves outlets in NEN Resource Centres in Chizami and Guwahati, The ANTS Bengaluru, Kamala Shop Delhi, Museum Shop Mumbai, Nagaland Emporium in Delhi and also sold through designers and individual entrepreneurs.

Not only has this project helped weavers earn regular income but has also brought about positive changes in the lives of many of these weavers. As a part of networking and collaborative engagement of NEN with state agencies, the Women Development department of Nagaland Government has allotted two rooms at Kohima in 2013 for office operations and a sales unit of Chizami Weaves.

**WEAVER’S SPEAK**

Neikhrolou, who has participated in the Chizami Weaves project for the last six years articulated "besides agriculture wage work that is seasonal, we have no other regular employment options available throughout the year, and NEN has provided me that alternative livelihood. Today I have regular income with which I am supporting my siblings’ education and meeting household needs. Also because of participating in training workshops, meetings, discussions, interaction with people, I have become more aware about social issues such as domestic violence, biodiversity, health, etc. and I have gained more confidence to speak in front of people today.”

Another weaver Kotele shared, “this weaving project has helped us in different ways. Because we take work home, we can weave in our own homes at our own time without pressure and I enjoy this freedom. I don’t have to worry about my weaving fees because it is always paid on time. My public speaking and leadership skills also started from here. I became aware of women’s rights and women’s role in the society through their meetings/training workshops.”
E. NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (NRM)

In the backdrop of biodiversity loss and environmental degradation in one of the biodiversity hotspots in the world, the NER, NEN is committed to raise environmental consciousness and support sustainable livelihood efforts in particular through local communities and through young people and women farmers. In 2013-14, several discussions, awareness meetings/education, film screenings, exhibitions, exposure and exchange visits, biodiversity and food festivals were organised by NEN with communities from four districts of Nagaland. These programmes enabled women farmers to articulate their experiences of cultivation, coping mechanisms, risk management and food based health and nutritional knowledge, seed saving methods and emerging concerns in the agrarian economy. In March 2014, farmers (mostly women) from four districts of Nagaland submitted a representation/appeal to the policy makers of Nagaland for appropriate policy intervention to address farmers’ concerns. During this period NEN has developed and strengthened collaboration with ICAR Porba, SDFN Kohima, NESFAS Meghalaya, DDS and Millet Network of India Hyderabad, EBRC Pfutsero and Women Societies in Nagaland.

In 2010, NEN launched the Wildlife and Biodiversity conservation education programme ‘Under the Canopy’, at Chizami village, Nagaland with the following objectives:

- reconnecting children and youth with nature and channelizing energies from hunting to curiosity,
- building a cadre of young conservationists in the community and exposing them to alternative livelihood options, and
- demonstrating the importance of nature conservation in the community.

To achieve greater impact, NEN expanded its conservation education work to two districts in Nagaland in 2013 to Kohima and Kiphire. In 2013, NEN built the capacities of six youths to become Master Educators (MEs) on topics of conservation education, conservation research and conservation action. These MEs have gone back to their own communities and formed eco clubs consisting of children and youth. The Fakim village (Kiphire district) eco club has 18 youth...
members and Khonoma village (Kohima district) has 16 children members. The MEs plan and implement activities that involve classroom and field based activities, documenting the biodiversity of their community, and organizing awareness meetings in their communities. Through this programme, the once inhibited, unaware and under-confident youths were transformed into confident and articulate educators in their villages.

The Hoolock Gibbon Eco Club (HGEC) in Chizami village, formed by NEN with 20 members in December 2010, has 35 children members in 2013. This club has already been actively involved in conservation education, research and action; and participating in campaigns poster and photography exhibitions, etc. The senior batch who have already published works, are currently engaged in ‘Project Hunt’ – a research and documentation project taken up in Chizami village. Many of the members are confidently articulating their environmental concerns at different platforms, in their homes, schools and community. In September 2013 during the Sustainable Mountain Development Summit (SDMS) at Kohima, nine members of HGEC participated in the Third Himalayan Photography Competition. Two of them, Erekhro-u Naro and Tekhewulo Chirhah, bagged the second and consolation position respectively, and had their photographs exhibited at the event.

**MASTER EDUCATOR SPEAKS**

Tsusekie Yimchunger, a Master Educator (ME) from Fakim village shared ‘earlier I was a hunter and not aware about the importance of conservation.

After attending the training programmes and becoming an ME, I am more aware about larger environmental issues such as global warming. I have given up hunting and focus on educating the youth and community at large about the importance of nature conservation. Earlier all the eco club members used to eat up bird eggs laid on the nests but today they are observing and documenting birds, their behaviour, nesting, etc..

With more awareness in the village, the village regulation of the ban on hunting during breeding season is strictly adhered to, and there is less hunting.’

**THINK • EAT • SAVE**

World Environment Day
5 June
F. OTHER CAMPAIGNS, MEMORANDUM’S AND EVENTS

On top of NEN’s programmatic work, NEN strives to constantly work towards building public consciousness and developing memorandums to adopt measures for ensuring safety and justice. NEN submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner of Kamrup district condemning the series of rape cases occurring in different districts of Assam and demanded the State to adopt measures such as: (1) setting up fast track courts, (2) installing help lines for women, (3) establishing a task force and displaying public information materials for the safety of girls and women.

Additionally, campaigns like the ‘16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence’ to end violence against women and girls was observed from November 25 (International Day against Violence against Women) until December 10 (International Human Rights Day), 2013. During the Campaign, NEN Assam aligned itself with the international theme ‘From Peace in the Home to Peace in the World’ to highlight the issue of domestic violence by raising awareness through different mediums like radio jingles, TV scrolls, training and street plays. Our local partners were Nari Mukti Sangram Samiti, TDMS and TISS in four districts Darrang, Udalguri, Sonitpur and Dibrugarh districts. The street plays were organized and performed by students from TISS Guwahati Campus.
Marking the same campaign, NEN Nagaland organised awareness raising programmes at Chizami and Dimapur by conducting talks, films, art, music, performances and meetings. Sisterhood Network was our local partner at Dimapur. Eminent personalities from Nagaland such as peace activist Niketu Iralu, scholar-activist Dr. Dolly Kikon, the Chairperson of Nagaland State Commission for Women Dr. Temsula Ao, and the Chairperson of Chakhesang Women Welfare Society Vechisalu Nukhu addressed more than 500 people including youth.

International Women’s Day (IWD) was widely observed across all the offices in NEN. In 2014 - which also marks the International year of family farming - NEN Nagaland observed IWD on the theme ‘Inspiring Change.’ Marking the day a programme was organised with attendance from over 150 participants from four districts in Nagaland: Phek, Tuensang, Kiphire and Kohima. This was an opportunity for a constructive interface between government officials, community leaders and women farmers. 15 women food crop farmers from Nagaland were honoured with simple grass-coats and hats made from natural leaves for their contribution to agro-biodiversity conservation and sustaining family farming, in the presence of Shri. Menukhol John, Commissioner Secretary of Land Resources Nagaland, and community leaders.

NEN Assam observed IWD in collaboration with four local women’s organisations (AIDWA, Assam Mahila Sangha, All Assam Progressive Women’s Association and YWCA). A public meeting was organised in Guwahati where a memorandum was submitted to the Chief Minister of Assam to take measures to end all forms of violence and discrimination against women.
NEN co-partnered with the Indian Association for Women’s Studies (IAWS) to organise the XIV National Conference on Women’s Studies held in February 2014 in Guwahati. This conference facilitated dialogue and discussions from a women’s perspective across disciplines within academia in the NE region. Co-organisers were the Department of Women’s Studies, Gauhati University, TISS Guwahati, and the Cotton College State University in Assam.

NEN organised the plenary ‘Women in the North East: Issues, Struggles and Challenges’ as well as hosted the cultural programmes for the conference.
NEN condemns rape on teenage girl. It is really shocking that despite the evidence of increasing sexual assault on women, the state has not been able to bring about stringent enforcement of the law which includes special emphasis for the police authorities to act, the organisation said in a statement issued here today.

“As a civil society organisation we train people, engage in counseling and appeal for safer spaces for women in society,” the organisation said and further demanded of the State government to fulfill its obligation of safeguarding women from acts of sexual violence and call for stronger security measures.

“The law needs to be more effective and stringent punishments meted out to the perpetrators. We all need to come together and raise our voice against such heinous crimes which is a violation of human rights, especially the rights of women and girls,” the statement said.

The next hearing is on May 8 before a three-judge bench comprising Justices R. M Lodha, Madan B. Lokur and Kurien Joseph. Prashant Bhushan, counsel for the petitioner Centre for PIL, said that he will file an application in the court seeking directions to the PMO Joint Secretary and the Coal ministry Joint Secretary to name the persons who ordered them to meet CBI officials with the Coalgate scam probe. UNI

“In Nagaland, violence against women (VAW) has become a daily dark reality,” said Alongla Aier, Director of Sisterhood Network, introducing the 16 days of activism (November 25-December 10) against gender-based violence, a global campaign being observed in Nagaland too through the initiative of her organisation and the North East Network, Nagaland. This international campaign, she asserted, is organized to make a plea: “please stop hurling and exploiting women as women have equal human rights. Please respect our dignity.”

At a Discussion and Film Screening held at the Sisterhood Network here today on the theme ‘From Peace in the Home to Peace in the World: Let’s Challenge Militarism and End Violence Against Women & Girls,’ more speakers reflected on Aier’s thoughts.

“The Naga people have gone through a history of militarism and violence—it is not new to us,” said Dr. Dolly Kikon, an activist and post-doctoral fellow with the Department of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University. Impunity is, for instance, an inherent part of how violence through militarism proliferates. “Yet we remain quiet about the impunity given to the male members of our family. We, as human rights activists and as a society, need to reflect on the cultural and traditional impunity given to our boys and men. Chokratochochokra-lasse argument will not work anymore,” she argued, adding that reducing the role of women to how the old and new testaments define women (as a bone) needs to stop.
The Assam Tribune

**ONLY 8.6 PC OF VICTIMS REPORT CASES TO POLICE**
Guwahati, Nov 26

Despite increase in the number of incidents of atrocities and sexual violence against women in public places, a very small number of the victims report such incidents to the police here. A survey conducted among women of various age groups in the city revealed that only 8.6 percent of the victims of sexual harassment and assault reported it to the police. On the other hand, nearly 26.9 percent of women did not take any action in such incidents, fearing retaliation by the perpetrators.

The Assam Tribune

**SPEEDY TRIAL OF CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN DEMANDED**
Guwahati, March 13

Notwithstanding tall claims by the authorities regarding the measures to control crimes against women in the state, an effective mechanism and adequate infrastructure to implement the laws on the ground is still missing in Assam.

Ruing the lack of functional women’s helplines, a number of leading women’s organisations have asked the state government to make appropriate budgetary allocations and introduce the helplines at the earliest.

Urging the government to make immediate and effective measures to control crime against women in the state, the organisation also appealed Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi to provide adequate funding for setting up of fast-track courts in all the districts of the state and ensure speedy trial of all crimes against women.

The organisations- Asom Mahila Sangha, North East Network (NEN), All India Democratic Women’s Association, Sadou Asom Pragatishil Nari Santha and Young Women Christian Association (YWCA) - also asked the state government to install functional women’s helplines at the earliest to respond to women’s emergency situations.

Eastern Mirror

**GENDER EQUITY AWARENESS WORKSHOP**
Kohima, Sep 12

The North East Network (NEN) Nagaland organized a workshop on ‘Locating Women’s Human Rights in International Standards’ for members of NGOs, CBOs, journalists, lawyers and educational institutions engaged in issues of social justice from different parts of north-east India. The three day workshop which concluded on Thursday here at Hotel Japfu, Kohima, sensitized the participants on the basic concept of human rights, systems of oppression, and the international women’s rights standards with the application of the United Nations’ Convention on the Elimination of All Form of Discrimination against women (CEDAW) at local levels.

Morung Express News

**WOMEN’S RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS**
Chizami, December 10

To mark the Human Rights Day, and also the concluding day of the 16 days of activism protesting Violence Against Women (VAW), North East Network (NEN) organized an awareness raising event on the theme ‘Women’s Rights are Human Rights’ at NEN Resource Centre, Chizami on December 10, 2013. Dr. Temsula Ao, Chairperson of Nagaland State Commission for women and Vechisalu Nukhu, President of Chakhesang Women Welfare Society (CWWS) were the speakers at the event. Around 400 persons from Chizami Town, Chizami, Enhulumi, Mesulumi, Thetsumi and Sumi comprising community leaders, pastors, women society representatives, Chakhesang Mother’s Association, CWWS and women workers (weavers and farmers) attended.
The Assam Tribune

REPORTS ON STATUS OF NE WOMEN’S RIGHTS SUBMITTED
Guwahati, April 30

Various organisations of the state working in the field of women’s issues have submitted their reports on status of women’s rights to United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, its Causes and Consequences (UNSRVAW) Rashida Manjoo who is on a visit to India.

The UN Special Rapporteur also visited the North East region on Sunday and met many of the civil society organisations.

The North East Network, working in the field of women’s rights made a submission on multiple vulnerabilities of women to violence in the conflict affected areas of Assam.

NEN Chairperson Dr. Monisha Behal made the submission to the Special Rapporteur on gendered dimension of violations and needs assessment of women in disturbed areas presently under AFSPA, recognition of women’s contribution to peace to mitigate violence against women etc. Women in Governance, Assam also made a presentation in front of the UN representative.

The Assam Tribune

ORIENTATION ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACT
Guwahati, Aug 24

The need to improve the logistics and better coordination among the stakeholders was strongly advocated for proper implementation of the Domestic Violence Act 2005, at a programme organised by the North East Network (NEN) to sensitise the protection officers.

The protection officers, participating in the programme, also felt the need to follow-up of domestic violence cases, coordination between various agencies and professionals handling such cases and ensuring action on the basis of the inspection reports prepared by the protection officers.

‘Various forms of domestic violence are deeply rooted in sociocultural norms of the society, having its impact on the health and socioeconomic wellbeing of women. Though passing of Domestic Violence Act was a major succour there are still glaring gaps in its implementation,’ NEN executive director Monisha Behal told The Assam Tribune.
PFUTSEERO STUDENTS REVISIT TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE

Morung Express News
Dimapur, September 17 (MExN)

Under the theme “Revisiting Traditional Knowledge: Mountain Ecosystem, Biodiversity and Food Security,” the North East Network (NEN) in collaboration with the Educational Block Resource Centre (EBRC) Pfutsero organized a one day block level Inter School Pedagogical Strategic Meet, supported by Millet Network of India (MINI) on September 17, 2013 at EBRC Training Hall, Pfutsero. The programme was graced by Senuwelo Mero, Special Assistant to Parliamentary Secretary of Horticulture, Government of Nagaland, host of officials from the department of Education, public leaders, NGO representatives, teachers and students.

Altogether twenty seven Government Primary (GPS) and Middle Schools (GMS) under Pfutsero block participated. Seno Tsuha of NEN highlighted the objectives of the programme, where she stressed on the importance of activity based learning and teaching, enabling the students to explore their own environment and traditional knowledge systems imbedded in the community. She encouraged the teachers to organize inter-generational bridging programmes in their schools, and appealed to the policy makers to acknowledge the rich resources in our local community and support innovative programmes such as this, stated a press release received here.

The Shillong times
MEETING CONCERNING WOMEN SAFETY HELD
Shillong, July 10

The East Khasi Hill District level committee on Crime and Violence against Women held a meeting on Tuesday under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Sanjay Goyal in his office chamber.

The meeting was attended by the Superintendent of Police, District Medical Health Officer, District child protection, District Information & Public Relations, District Social Education, the Meghalaya State Commission for Women and the North East work. In the meeting several, several cases related to crime and violence against women which was presented by the Police department.

The committee also dwelled at length on the core issue relating to pending cases in the court and also decided to monitor the status of registered cases.

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The Assam Tribune
MAKE WOMEN’S SECURITY YOUR PRIORITY, GOVT. TOLD
Guwahati, April 23

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Women Societies and women farmers of Chizami Town, Chizami, Sumi,
Mesulumi, Enhulumi, Thetsumi, Leshemi, Zapami, Lasumi, Sakraba, Phugh, Dzulhami villages in Phek district, and Noklak in Tuensang District,
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- Veyielo Doulo
- Z.K. Parhü
- Zheviho Swu

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- North East Police Academy, Meghalaya.
- Meghalaya State Legal Service Authority
- Meghalaya State Commission for Women
- Directorate of Social Welfare Department, Meghalaya
- Directorate of Health Services, Meghalaya
- National Rural Health Mission, Meghalaya
- Directorate of Social Welfare, Government of Assam
- Directorate of Women Resource Development, Nagaland

E. INDIVIDUAL DONORS:
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- Dr. Rana Behal, Neiba Kronu, Sakraba Village Council, BDO Chizami
NEN conceptualized and printed a resource directory with information on support services for women affected by different forms of violence and abuse in Assam. In the course of the survey, NEN has registered in the directory: 75 shelter homes, 97 legal aid, 130 counselling centres and other similar services both at government and non-government levels in Assam.

NEN, along with Meghalaya Police and NEPA, revised the existing training and resource manual for police personnel on ‘Gender Sensitization and VAW’ which is in the process of being printed.

NEN published a pamphlet entitled “Know the Law” which entails brief information on Domestic Violence, the forms of abuse and necessary approaches to be taken if one faces violence. NEN also came up with bookmarks entailing quotes to empower women.
# The NEN Team

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## Reflections 2013-2014
NEN AS MEMBERS OF DIFFERENT COMMITTEES ON WOMEN’S RIGHTS:

- Cotton College State University, Assam
- District Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee of East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya
- High Level Committee on the Status of Women, Government of India
- Indian Council of Agricultural Research, NEH Region - Sexual Harassment Committee, Meghalaya
- Nagaland Alliance for Child and Women’s Right (NACR), Nagaland
- NEDFI, Assam
- NIPCCD, Assam
- Social welfare, Government of Meghalaya - Sexual Harassment Committee, Meghalaya
- State Level Co-ordination Committee on Crime against Women, Meghalaya

NEN AS RESOURCE PERSON TO:

- Asian Institute of Management and Technology, Guwahati, Assam
- Assam Mahila Samata Society, Guwahati, Assam
- Bodoland University, Kokrajhar, Assam
- CBOs (Village Youth Societies, Women Societies, Churches) in Phek District, Nagaland
- Confederation of Indian Industry, Guwahati, Assam
- Don Bosco University, Guwahati, Assam
- Doordooma College, Tinsukia, Assam
- Doordarshan, Guwahati, Assam
- Foundation for Social Transformation, Guwahati, Assam
- Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Smriti, Guwahati, Assam
- JB College Jorhat, Assam
- Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie
- Martin Luther Christian Academy, Meghalaya
- NIPCCD, Guwahati, Assam
- North East Diocesan Social Service Society, Guwahati, Assam
- North East Police Academy, Meghalaya
- Pragjyotish College, Guwahati, Assam
- Rural Women Upliftment Association of Assam
- SBCC Youth Brigade, Phek District, Nagaland
- State Commmission for Women, Assam
- UGC – Academic Staff College- Gauhati University, Assam
- Vodafone Spacenet Limited, Guwahati, Assam

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Nimisha Thakur (LSR Delhi), Rashmirekha Borah, Siamruailu Kamei (TISS Guwahati),
Thaiwan Kynaldiah (St Edmunds College), Tsusekie Yimchunger,
V.L. Chhanchhwachhi, (St Edmunds College), Y. Limthure, Zhiievseto Savino
The way ahead

The different NEN offices have a joint vision to take forward their work for the coming year with renewed vigour. NEN Assam focused on research and documentation relating to issues of VAW women and state accountability. As the studies are published, it will form a baseline and evidence to advocate with government towards policy changes. The coming year will also offer ample advocacy opportunities at the CEDAW level. NEN Assam hopes to continue to work closely with government departments and combine state accountability and NEN’s activism to usher positive changes for different categories of women.

NEN Meghalaya faced multiple barriers in their work due to agitations, from various pressure groups, demanding for the implementation of the Inner Line Permit (ILP). At the same time, mobility and security for many planned programmes were disrupted. This has only strengthened their spirit to work more rigorously towards their advocacy with the state government. Plans have been formulated to get the support of the traditional institutions in mitigating VAW in the community. We hope to conduct more research and data collection on the existence of committees under Sexual Harrassment at the Workplace. In addition, we will intensify our investigation on cases of crimes against women taken up by the Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority.

NEN Nagaland will continue to work on the issues of natural resource management, diversifying livelihoods and VAW, with women, youth and children. We will also strive towards strengthening collaborations and networks with the government, academia, educational institutions, CSOs, and the media. Chizami Weaves hopes to find a sustainable market and ensure a sustainable livelihood for the women. With the enthusiasm seen amongst the women workers, NEN is looking forward to seeing positive changes in their lives and livelihoods through this collectivizing process. NEN hopes to see women actively participate at all levels of decision making, in their homes and communities, also hope that the eco clubs in Fakim and Khonoma grow and their conservation education and awareness programme reach a larger constituency.
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| Interest on Savings Account | | |
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| General Fund | 194,873.99 | 216,051.38 | 700.00 |

| Interest on FD Account | | |
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| Weaves/Sale | 1,415,887.00 | 2,476,326.00 | 165,760.00 |
| Other Receipts | 1,860,139.00 | | 3,000.00 |

| Total (Rs.) | 42,995,873.75 | Total (Rs.) | 42,995,873.75 |

For and on behalf of
NORTH EAST NETWORK

Place : Guwahati
Date : 30.08.2014

CA. Harish Agrawala
Partner
Membership No. 54776

NORTH EAST NETWORK
GUWAHATI, ASSAM

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2014

AS PER OUR REPORT OF EVEN DATE
For : H.K. AGRAWALA & ASSOCIATES
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
FIN: 310209E
NORTH EAST NETWORK
GUWAHATI

BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31st March’ 2014

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Schedule ‘C’ Significant accounting policies

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For: H.K. AGRAWALA & ASSOCIATES
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Place: GUWAHATI
Date: 30.08.2014

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